

**MSAD #8 School Board Regular Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2018
SHMH
Playground Public Hearing**

Board Members Present: Renee Jones, Virginia Wadleigh, Laura Lazaro, Kathi Young, Rachel Noyes

Administration Present: Superintendent Roy Crawford, Principal Ann Kirkpatrick

Five citizens present

Roy Crawford presented a Powerpoint presentation introducing members of the playground committee and summarizing the work of that committee since April of 2017. The summary included:

Playground Committee Members:

Holly Sault
Samantha Thompson
Kayla Hunsinger
Jessica Farrelly
Megan Day
Ann Kirkpatrick (Ad Hoc)
Roy Crawford (Ad Hoc)

Timeline for PG Committee Work

Late Spring 2017:

- A new Playground Committee was formed.
- Roy and Ann began employment
- A new process was initiated with the goals of:
 - ✓ Reducing the cost while maintaining quality and access for all students
 - ✓ Providing opportunity for public input
 - ✓ Aggressively Fundraising

In the fall of 2017 the Playground Committee:

- Developed and published a “request for proposals” (RFP) to playground vendors
- Hosted a public feedback event to review proposals.
- Contacted vendors to modify proposals
- Displayed proposals on Main Street and at public events.
- Board approved GAMETIME in December 2017.
- Detailed updates in the Wind.

Winter/Spring/Summer of 2018

- Continued fundraising.
- Researched 100+ grants: continuing to pursue viable options
- Secured excavation and concrete quotes from local contractors.
- Many meetings with Gametime to fine-tune the design.
- Developed RFP for site and concrete work for publication if the referendum is approved.

Site Features

- No change in elevations.
- Soccer field enhancements
 - ✓ Keeps the entire playground a safe distance from the soccer playing field
 - ✓ Trike Track provides a natural boundary for spectators.
- Wood chip surface
- Current basketball court to be used as a children's play area: four square, hop scotch, lower hoops, etc.
- New basketball court for older children and adults a safe distance from the children’s play areas.

Equipment

- Utilized feedback from school PT, OT, students and teachers to carefully choose each element.
- Provide elements that meet diverse sensory and developmental needs.
- Includes a separate play area for younger children as mandated by chapter 124 Maine Statutes.
- Includes a main structure for older elementary and MS students.

Budget

Site Work	\$31,260	<u>Local estimate.</u> Will publish RFP when project approved.
Concrete "trike track"	\$18,375	<u>Local estimate.</u> Will publish RFP when project approved.
Concrete BB court	\$22,27	<u>Local estimate.</u> Will publish RFP when project approved.
Contingency	\$4,500	
Total	\$76,413	<u>Estimated site preparation, new basketball court, sidewalks for disabled accessibility</u>
Equipment & Install	\$195,350	Equipment/chips/trash bins/benches: "locked in" pricing
Total Costs	\$271,763	Total project cost: maximum to be spent

Funding Sources

Capital Reserve	\$73,334	If Approved at District Meeting of September 26. Former "Building Project"
Fundraising	\$40,500	If Approved at District Meeting of September 26. Amount raised to date by Playground Committee
Financed	\$157,929	Referendum November 6: \$157,929 @ 3.4% interest =\$34,392/year for 5 years.
Total	\$271,763	

2017 VS 2018 Cost Comparison

	2017	2018	Difference
Total	\$588,000	\$271,763	-\$316,237
Finance	\$500,000	\$157,929	-\$342,071

Fundraise	\$0	\$40,500	+\$40,500
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Questions from the audience elicited the following information from Roy.

1. The expected interest rate on the loan is 3.4% and the total payment per year, including interest, would be approximately \$34,400 per year for 5 years.
2. If the referendum question is approved, the school is obligated to access the Maine Bond Bank and follow all legal requirements of a public entity to secure funding.
3. Proceeds from current fundraising activities and/or grants will be used to reduce the amount borrowed UNLESS the donor or the grant requires the funds to be spent on a designated feature of the project.
4. The playground committee has worked diligently for the past year and a half and is hopeful the vision can come to fruition.

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