

NORTHERN TIOGA SCHOOL DISTRICT

110 Ellison Road
Elkland, PA 16920

Minutes – Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting
February 19, 2024

The Northern Tioga School District Buildings & Grounds Committee met for a committee meeting in the Board Room at 110 Ellison Road, Elkland, PA 16920. The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Kaufman at 6:00 PM.

Board Committee Members in attendance: Greg Cummings and James Moyer. Absent: Ed Bonham

Administrators Present: Superintendent Kaufman, Kathy VanSchaick, Matt Sottolano, William Butterfield, and Daren Bryant.

- Athletic Facility Improvement Plan

Mr. Kaufman began by asking the committee for guidance on what the first steps would look like to start the process of improving our district athletic facilities. Discussion started by Kathy informing the board on funding opportunities from grants and current fund balances held by the district. The RACP- Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program was also mentioned and how Wellsboro Area School District was able to use this program for their new athletic field several years ago. This discussion led to conversation on how RACP works, and the steps that would be needed to comply with its regulations. The district is also hoping to have a foundation that can accept donations from the public in the near future.

The question was posed to Mr. Sottolano and Mr. Butterfield on where the focus on improving Athletic Facilities should begin. Mr. Sottolano expressed he wants to see the district take steps to get the best outcome for both high schools, and the district to get the most out of any funds invested in this type of project. His major concerns were needing a track at Williamson High School, lighting on the Tennis Court at Cowanesque Valley High School, and more bleachers on the football field at Cowanesque High School. Mr. Butterfield, touched on the idea of utilizing sponsors and donors to achieve the facility improvement goals to tie more into our communities.

It was agreed that the next steps would be to work with a consultant to get cost estimates for all improvements at both ends of the district. This would allow the district to utilize a year-by-year itemized project list to help budget for the facility improvements. It was decided to proceed with utilizing Hunt Consulting for next steps.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Brittany Mondock
Board Secretary