

ACSDF June 2010 Board of Director Minutes

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alburnett Community School District Foundation was called to order by Al Sorensen at 6:20 p.m. on Jun 17, 2010 in the ICN room at the High School.

Board Members present were:

Kelly Baier, Sherry Cook, Eric Heims, Esther Kremer, Maria McFadden, Carl Meiners, Karen Miller, Sharon Robertson and Al Sorensen.

Visitors present were:

Dave Gardner, Ron McFadden and Dave Boesenberg

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. The financial reports were presented and approved.

The Board discussed the following old business:

Complex Project Update:

Football Field: The board discussed next steps towards completion of the football field. The board has received several professional bids to consider from companies that build Football/Baseball fields. These bids will cover plans for laser grading, seeding, tiling and irrigation. Companies having provided bids for some or all of this effort, to date, are: Iowa Cubs, Bush Sports Turf, MBA Concrete, DDM Landscape & Irrigation, Greg's Lawn & Landscaping and Blue Grass Enterprises. The board discussed the desire to use local labor on tasks that don't require professional labor, such as seeding, to help reduce costs where possible.

Electrical: Ron McFadden reported that Hawkeye Electric has the temporary panel, step down transformer and meter to use until the concession stand has been built.

Water Well Pump: Al Sorensen, Jeanie Neighbor & Jeff Carrothers met with Lyle McBurney. Mr. McBurney will give the board suggestions on the best options regarding pump sizes that will meet the irrigation plan specifications.

Softball Field: The board discussed the progress on the upper softball field. The board discussed whether tiling needs to be done as some of the professional contractors indicated there were cheaper options that would work just as well. The board will research these options to keep moving toward completion.

Walking Trail: The board discussed the need to spread millings around and smooth out the trail.

Tiling & Drainage: The board discussed ways to help drain the area just south of Rick Smith's house. It was suggested to build up the area with better draining soil rather than add more tile. A plugged tile was found and fixed to help drainage issues on the west side of the complex.

Plea for Donations: After discussing all the many items that need to be started at once, it was suggested that if anyone was thinking about making donations this year, that haven't, to please consider making them sooner rather than later, if at all possible.

Concession Stand Building Committee Update:
No updates this month.

Superfan Concession Stand:

Sharon Robertson discussed the completion of the Superfan Concession Stand. The Superfan Concession Stand is a community relations effort, jointly sponsored by Mars Candy and Sam's Club, in which Sam's Club donates and builds approximately 20 concession stands for youth organizations per year nationally. The Alburnett Sports Booster Club and the Foundation were chosen as a recipient this year. Eight Sam's Club employee volunteers constructed the 8' x 8' concession stand on Tuesday, June 8th. Construction was done in a shed on the Dave Machacek farm as it was pouring rain that day. The stand was later moved, by trailer, to the Martin Complex by Dave Machacek and Dave Kirk. The Foundation plans to add electricity to the stand at a later date. The stand will serve needs for youth activities at the complex until funds can be raised to construct a permanent concession stand/restroom and storage building. Sam's also donated a \$100 gift card to be used for future concession purchases. The board discussed posting pictures on the Foundation Website and submitting an article to be published in the Linn Newsletter.

Pirate Playground Update:
No updates this month.

Drive One for the School:

The board discussed ways to promote and advertise this event so we can draw in as many people as possible. The event will be held on Children's Benefit Days. It was strongly suggested that the event be held in the east part of the school parking lot next to the school building rather than the Methodist Church parking lot.

2010 Youth Football Jamboree Fundraiser Event:

Dave Gardner discussed with the board that the Booster Club will be meeting in July to discuss this fundraiser and doesn't foresee any issues with the Foundation providing the concessions for this event. Karen Miller and Maria McFadden are coordinating efforts for the fundraiser. Karen discussed the need for workers that day and the need to have some volunteers help clean the bathrooms. She will talk with the football players/coaches for their help as well.

Alumni Softball Game:

Wendy Callahan sent an e-mail update to Al Sorensen reporting on the progress regarding the Alumni Softball game. Wendy reported only 10 Alumni have signed up so far. Wendy is checking with the Rock Shop to see if they are interested in sponsoring the event again this year. Karen Miller volunteered to help sponsor the event as well.

Alburnett Children's Benefit Day:

Pirate Dash: Sharon Robertson reported on the progress with the Pirate Dash to be held the morning of the Children's Benefit Day, Aug. 7th. Sharon reported there have not been many

people pre-register. Al Sorensen will send out electronic registration copies for those that can or want to distribute. He will also check in to putting the registration form in the Linn Newsletter. Sharon also discussed talking with Neighbor Insurance about sponsoring the event again this year.

Pancake Breakfast: Kelly Baier discussed what items need to be purchased and what tasks need to be done for the pancake breakfast to be held the morning of the Children's Benefit Days, Aug 7th. Kelly will send the list out to everyone requesting people volunteer for items that are not assigned. Tables and chairs will need to be set up starting at 7am. The breakfast will start at 8am. The fee is same as last year, \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. Sherry Cook & Al Sorensen will organize the bingo tent again this year. The booster club and Carl Meiners will provide the tents again this year.

Grants/Donor Solicitations:

Kelly Baier discussed progress on the Linn County Endowment Grant and two possible grants from the Minnesota Twins and St. Louis Cardinals.

The Board discussed the following new business:

Yard Sign Fundraiser Opportunity:

Karen Miller discussed the idea of selling yard signs using Banacom Signs in Hiawatha. The board agreed it would be a great idea and would promote school spirit.

Possible Need for H.S. Baseball Field:

The board discussed the interest of Linn Coop to purchase, from the school, from .37 to 6.6 acres of the land located on the practice field, shot/discuss and part of the Baseball field. If the school sells a parcel larger than the .37 acres, they will need to relocate the H.S. Baseball Field. The Foundation Board discussed options of relocating the Baseball Field and what it would take to purchase more land to have the field on the Martin Complex site. Larry Martin is willing to sell additional land to accommodate the baseball field. It was suggested the need for the city to get involved in the discussion as there are possible tax benefits. The School Board is continuing to research all options and will likely vote on whether or not to sell a portion of ball diamond property at their next School Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Next Meeting

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the ICN Room in the Alburnett High School.

Submitted by: Esther Kremer, Secretary