

CEDAR GROVE-BELGIUM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Cedar Grove, Wisconsin

Minutes of Property & Finance Committee Meeting – November 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by chairperson, Les Paul. Committee members Terry Eernisee and Dan Zuelsdorf were present. Also present were Dave Claerbaut, John Hocking, Mike Johnson, Cindy Kruis, Carol Pomeday, Steven Shaw, Jeff Thiel, Sue Voskuil and Nancy Zimmer.

Proof of notice was established and the meeting was found to be properly called.

Baseball Coach, Mike Johnson asked the committee to consider having a batting cage/bullpen mounds constructed at the baseball field. He said that we are the only team in the conference that does not have these at the field. Mr. Hocking noted that there was no money budgeted this year for a cage or mounds. Mike Johnson said he could build the mounds himself if dirt and clay were provided. He estimated a maximum cost of \$10,000 for his request, including labor cost. Terry Eernisee asked that Mike draw up a plan/sketch of what he was proposing and get some firm costs. The committee will again review this request at the December 16 committee meeting.

The committee decided to hold off on paying off the land from the District fund balance. The yearly payments are \$136,600 at 3.5% interest. The committee would like to revisit this issue at the committee meeting in December.

The committee also discussed trying to acquire the village property that is currently the soccer field. Terry Eernisee suggested the board have a plan in mind before approaching the Village Board. Dan Zuelsdorf noted that the Village has always been fearful the school district would take away the softball field if the district owned the land. Steve Shaw will draft a letter to the Village Board asking for “Right of First Refusal” if the land were to be sold. This might promote further dialog. Les Paul wanted it to be noted that the Board has no intention of not allowing village children of either village (Cedar Grove or Belgium) to use the school fields. Scheduling of these fields is always done around the school’s athletic schedules.

In addition, Steve Shaw told the committee that he has again been in contact with Sheboygan County to use the \$27,000 in grant money the district was awarded for a bike path from the Hickory Heights subdivision to district property.

Also, a “laundry list” of middle school projects was distributed for the committee to consider, now that the referendum was rejected. Some of the projects the committee will consider include – renovations to the science rooms, replace windows, HVAC issues, ADA issues, generator, secure building entrance and lighting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.