

**Middletown Public Schools -Board of Education**

**BOE Facilities Committee Special Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

The Committee met via Zoom at 5:30 PM streamed on YouTube.

Chairperson Deborah Cain called the special meeting to order at 5:34 PM

Present: Deborah Cain (Chairperson), Kevin Dion- Director of Facilities, John Giuliano, Dan Penney, Vinnie Loffredo – Community Member, Jon Pulino- BOE Member, Elisha DeJesus – Athletic Director at Middletown High, Ray Linehan from BOE IT and Committee Secretary Leslie Spatola.

Guests were Andrew O’Connell- Regional Sales manager from Keystone Sports Construction and Patrick Buganski from ATT Sports.

I. Introductions

- II. Mr. O’Connell stated the Middletown High School field was in need of updating and gave a presentation of how his company could assist in redoing the turf and track that are almost 15 years old and past its life expectancy. He shared some slides of the different styles of tracks that are available. The Rhino series products are 90% of their sales and come in 42 and 48 ounces face-weight. All components are made in-house and have been installed in locations such as UCONN, Princeton, Boston College, UMASS and others. Their company works along with ATT Sports and use the same staff to work at their projects. They carry an 8-year warranty and training could be provided to our maintenance staff. The total project for the turf and track was \$766,302.95.

Mr. Buganski of ATT Sports then gave his presentation along with slides and stated that all of their work is strictly tracks. They are based from New Jersey and have done gel-based tracks for Danbury, Guilford, Litchfield and other areas. They have not met previously to see what exact requirements are needed for the field. They work with Keystone on many jobs and their manufacturer is Astroturf owned by the Sports Group who have the best products in this field. They focus on the mid-Atlantic area and is involved in the project from start to its finish.

They do not recommend vehicle on the track especially when turning the wheels onto the material. The safety of the materials used are 100% and is the same rubber that is used in just about everything.

Mr. Lofreddo asked if this information could go to the Committee and to Board of Education meeting on March 8, 2022 as well as to the budge meeting on March 14, 2022 for further discussion. Ms. DeJesus had acquired three (3) quotes and there are various options to choose from.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM by Chairperson Deborah Cain and seconded by Mr. Wiltsie.

Minutes recorded by Leslie A. Spatola

Facilities Committee Recording Secretary