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2 Souhegan Cooperative School Board
3 Tuesday, June 21, 2016
4 Meeting Minutes
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6 Attendees:

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8 Administrative Team: Betty Shankel – Business Administrator.
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10 Souhegan School Board- Chair- Mary Lou Mullens, Vice Chair- Howard Brown, Pim Grondstra-
11 Secretary, Steve Coughlan and (Dwayne Purvis, via phone- out of town, no one else present)
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13 Minute Taker: Danae Marotta
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15 I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Mary Lou Mullens
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17 **Ms. Mary Lou Mullens called the Meeting to order at 6: 06 pm.**
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19 II. DISCUSSION ITEM
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21 A. NAMING OF SOUHEGAN HIGH SCHOOL TURF FIELD
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23 Ms. Betty Shankel discussed that the current naming Policy is difficult to operate and does not
24 serve the District well. She then added that the Amherst School District had problems with the
25 Policy and now the Amherst Recreation Department wants to have a contest.to name the 11
26 Baboosic Lake Rd Park.
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28 Ms. Mullens asked if a vote was needed to waive the Policy.
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30 Ms. Shankel replied, yes and added that she recommends the Board waive the Policy.
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32 Discussion ensued over the Field.
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34 **Mr. David Chen made a Motion to waive the Field Naming Policy and to name the Stadium**
35 **Field the Calvetti Family Field for the remaining duration of the current lease which is 73**
36 **years. Mr. Pim Grondstra seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous.**
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38 Mr. Steve Coughlan asked a question about renaming in the future.
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40 Discussion ensued over the time period.
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42 Mr. Dwayne Purvis asked what stops a future school board to prevent a name change.
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44 Ms. Betty Shankel replied it would be a good faith action.
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47 Mr. Brown asked a question about the policy.
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49 Mr. Coughlan added that they did have the Fundraising Committee.
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51 Ms. Shankel reminded that Board that she did state before that the anonymous donor would want
52 the naming rights.
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54 Ms. Mullens asked the Board if they had any other questions.
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56 Ms. Shankel discussed that the Calvetti Family found an archway and would like to place it as
57 you enter the Field. She added that it is lovely, made of iron and granite, and quite expensive
58 (approx. \$20K).
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60 She discussed that they had a meeting and with Superintendent Warburton, Ms. Mullens, the
61 Amherst Community Foundation, Mr. Brian Hall, Mr. John Robichaud (Director of Buildings
62 and Grounds) and others.
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64 She added that they cannot spend public money and they have involved the Amherst Community
65 Foundation and they will fundraise.
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67 Ms. Betty Shankel described it as curved around and attractive.
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69 Ms. Mullens noted that there would be no changes to be made to the property and that the curved
70 bench will fit right in.
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72 Mr. Coughlan asked if the archway will be close to the building.
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74 Ms. Shankel noted that she will make sure it is in compliance with the fire department.
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76 Ms. Shankel noted that she made it clear that there are no District funds that will be used.
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78 Mr. Chen asked about the waiving of admissions on dedication day.
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80 Ms. Shankel suggested that if they allowed people to come in free before the dedication,
81 admissions can be free the whole night.
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83 Mr. Grondstra added that it is a community event and suggested to open it up to everyone,
84 regardless of the time.
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86 Discussion ensued.
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88 Ms. Shankel added that it is fine, as long as all of the Board is in agreement.
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90 Mr. Purvis asked how much approximate revenue will be lost.
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92 Mr. Chen replied about \$700.
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94 Mr. Chen remarked that the problem Mr. Dick Miller, (Athletic Director) would have is that he
95 would not have enough staff if they did charge admission. He then reminded the Board that a lot
96 of families would come.
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98 Mr. Brown added that it depends on who is playing as well.
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100 Mr. Purvis remarked that if the concessions are done separately then it will be a very good night
101 for them.
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103 Ms. Mullens added that the concessions is not a Board concern.
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105 Mr. Purvis remarked that they are developing the stadium one piece at a time.
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107 Ms. Shankel added that they have not done what the Gale Report recommended.
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109 Mr. Purvis asked if the seating placement has been changed.
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111 Ms. Mullens replied, no, it has not changed.
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113 Ms. Shankel added that they can change the seats but not the location.
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115 Discussion ensued over the Gale Report.
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117 Ms. Shankel added that she asked Quirk Construction if they can make a change to the score
118 board.
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120 Ms. Mullens noted that the Board will be letting the Stadium Project Committee handle the sign,
121 seating, and the bricks.
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123 Mr. Purvis asked if they had received the anonymous donor funds yet.
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125 Ms. Shankel replied, no, not yet. She added that they are giving it to the Amherst Community
126 Foundation, they are handling all of that.
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128 Mr. Purvis asked if the construction has begun yet.
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130 Betty replied no, but they did build the bridge (to protect the track). She added that the bridge
131 was a bit late.
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133 She added that Quirk Construction has assured her that the project will be completed by
134 September 1st 2016.
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136 Mr. Purvis asked where the funds are.
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138 Ms. Shankel replied, it is with the Amherst Community Foundation.

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140 Ms. Mullens commented about the STEM Lab area. She then asked how quickly they could have
141 a meeting about it.

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143 Mr. Chen replied that he is not sure, but he will find out.

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145 Mr. Grondstra noted that he will get in touch with Superintendent Warburton about the meeting.

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147 IV. ADJOURN

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149 Chair Mary Lou Mullens thanked Ms. Shankel.

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151 **Mr. Steve Coughlan made a Motion to adjourn the Meeting at 6: 45 pm. Mr. Pim**

152 **Grondstra seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous Motion passed.**