

**Amherst Tigers Boosters Meeting**  
**November Meeting Minutes**  
**11/7/22**

Attendance: Neil Faller, Marnie Belle-Isle, Lisa Roy,  
Brooke Newsome, Amy Knoblock, Lisa Murdock, Rob Adams,  
Anthony Pannella, Laura Bosinski, Rishawn Sonubi, Vicky & Bob Rodgers,  
Leslie Piszewicz, Michelle Ferrari, Heid Butler, Taylor Falser



**2022-2023 Officers:**

President - Neil Faller

Vice President -

Treasurer - Lisa Roy

Secretary - Marnie Belle-Isle

Special Projects - Brooke Newsome

**Welcome & Approval of minutes - Marnie Belle-Isle**

Minutes acceptance: 1st: Lisa Roy

2nd: Michelle Ferrari

**Superintendent Presentation:**

- Vote is December 13, 2022 @ 7am - 9pm Amherst High School
- \$68 million dollar budget
- **Rishawn Sonubi - project architect**
  - District leadership met with key faculty to develop the programmatic needs and wants
  - Building and Grounds conditions survey was conducted
  - Process to select the scope of the project
  - District Wide Safety and Security Enhancements: Main Entry renovation, add intrusion resistant film on doors and windows, PA system with silent alarm capabilities, add intrusion lock sets to all doors, additional security cameras, upgrade exterior lighting to LED
  - District Wide: Auditorium Upgrades, Heating and Ventilation, Stage Lighting, Stage Sound System, Stage Rigging, Renovation of High School of Auditorium
  - District Wide: MEP Systems Upgrades: building wide mechanical system replacements, upgrade unit ventilators, boiler system at HS and MS, R, new hot water heaters, chimney stack, elevator, IT equipment rooms, etc.
  - High School: South Gym: New Floor, lighting replacement, window replacement, locker rooms, vestibule, Replace HVAC equipment,
  - High School Site Work: Multi Sport Turf Fields, Field Lighting, Scoreboards, Bleachers, New Parking Lot, Teams Building with Toilet Rooms,
    - Questions:
      - Are these equitable fields? Yes that is the plan
      - Are these strictly for district use? The priority is for the district and will continue to work with current organizations that use the fields outside of the district
      - Community Use? Yes it will be open to the community for use like it is currently
      - Wraps on the walls in the South Gym? Hope to leave it or replace it, students love the branding, branding is important
      - Auditorium: Air Conditioning? Upgrading the Heating and Ventilation will be installed, priority was made to large spaces: Cafeteria at Windermere, Middle School, MPR in the High School

### **- Middle School Upgrades:**

- Career and Life Rooms, Renovate Parent Pick Up and Drop Off to improve traffic flow
- Smallwood Elementary:
  - Upgrade the entry, new dividing partitions, loading dock, a/c in cafeteria, upgrade parent pick up and drop off, improve tennis/multisport courts,
- Windermere Elementary:
  - Early Childhood Center classrooms, 1 indoor play space, covered patio, Door closures, replace exterior doors, roof coverings, renovate tennis courts, renovate pick up drop off area

### **Budget: Laura Bosinski**

- 68.7 million Budget: 41% Facilities, 14% health safety welfare, 17% Educational space improvements, 28%
- 65% State Aide, 26% Local Share, 8% Reserves/Other Funds

### **Schedule:**

- Construction to start in the summer of 2024 - ending 2027
- Phase I: Smallwood & Windermere
- Phase II: Middle School
- Phase III: High School

### **Questions:**

- Turf/Field: Study on the impact to the neighbors? There was not a study done, lighting was talked about installing downward directional lighting, looking at having as much as a buffer as possible from the property line, and installing a walkway around the fields.
- Middle School Pool? There is a need, looked at expanding the pool up to the property line, 18\$ million to do this and only add a lane and some bleachers. This is on the list for a future project
- High School Auditorium - Historical Guidelines? Yes the upgrades are in compliance
- Consistent fence? Not sure, depending on the design
- Communication: fliers going home, on the district website, social media

### **Ad Report - Rob Adams**

- Has been here for two weeks, getting to know all the coaches, and community
- Came from Alexander Central - AD for 14 years

### **President's Report - Neil Faller**

- Tiger Cards - last year sold 224, this year we have sold 389 - 111 to go! Let's Sell all 500
- Posters - all pictures are taken, at graphic designer, posters should be here by the first games, Excelsior is sponsoring
- Bingo Fundraiser - February 4 - need to make a committee for this, meeting TBA

### **Treasurer Report - Lisa Roy**

- **Balance \$17, 528**

### **Concessions Update: Brooke Newsome**

- Snack Shack only open for Varsity Games - Starting in January
- Hotdogs will be offered, drinks, candy, hot cider, no popcorn,
- Returned everything that was unopened, got taxes back from BJs,
- Schedule is being made for teams to be "volun-told"

**New Business:**

- **Brick Program: Granite Brick: A woman wants to buy a brick as a memorial. Can buildings and grounds help lay the bricks?**
- **Tennis Bench - Dedication to Bea Massman and Paul Biddle**
  - **Fundraiser to the community/alumni support**
  - **Spring installation, does the district have a memorial policy?**
  - **Michelle Ferrari: Apparel Fundraiser \$1,550 - Hoodie, joggers, crewnecks, bags, scarves, quarter zip, reached out to all buildings and on social media**
- **Taylor Falser - Girls Field Hockey Coach - asking for money for indoor off season league field time at Epic. \$1,200 total cost asking for \$300 to help offset the cost. Neil suggested raising it \$375 - approved by all**

**Next meeting:**

Monday, December 5 at 7:00pm in High School Library/Media Center in person

- **2022-2023 Meeting Dates:**
  - September 12
  - October 3
  - November 7
  - December 5
  - January 2/9th?
  - February 6
  - March 6
  - April 10
  - May 1
  - June 5
  - July TBA

Motion to adjourn

1st: Michelle Ferrari

2nd: Lisa Murdoc