
KEYPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING **DECEMBER 4, 2013**
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NJ.com, Keyport was recognized as 25th most improved high school in NJ and second most improved in Monmouth County.

- Keyport has applied for 2.3 million dollars in Rod Grant capital in hopes to upgrade security, windows, add additional air conditioning, playground upgrades, electrical upgrades, bathroom upgrades. All of this has been done with no increase to taxpayers.
- The Board represents all stakeholders in the district but the most important stakeholder is the children of Keyport and their education. Improvements need to be made.
- The Board has several options open at the time: sod fields, seed them, go out for another referendum for artificial turf, exercise a lease option or have an outside organization be responsible for upgrades.
- The Board is looking for any input and suggestions in the hope to have a productive meeting this evening.

3.0 Public Participation – Agenda Items

Brianna Quigley, High School Senior Student, presented a video which put together by the Keyport High School Students to show the need for improvement of the field.

The following members of the Keyport community spoke and gave comments regarding the athletic complex:

- Chris Matarese, spoke about the fields and concession stands.
- Dan Russo, commented on seeding of the field.
- Michael Lane, spoke about pursuing grants and low interest loans. He also spoke about partnering with the town council and the municipal open space tax. He encouraged the board to work with the Borough of Keyport.
- Heather Lanzara, spoke about the athletic fields.
- Joe Vecchio, spoke about the athletic fields and the Keyport Indians.
- Elbert Berinski, expressed his concern about the condition of the fields.
- Ed McNamara, stated the Board of Education does not operate in a vacuum. The district should pursue open space funds. Mr. McNamara questioned the maintenance of the fields.
- Adrienne Martin, encouraged the Board to pursue Union Beach alternatives.

The Board recessed at 8:45 p.m.

The Board resumed open session at 9:10 p.m.

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The public comments portion of the meeting continued with the following comments from the Keyport community:

- Catherine Kaiser, encouraged the Board not to raise taxes.
- Ken Krohe, supported the current maintenance efforts on the fields.
- Hillary Roberts spoke about the field and the number of other issues.
- Joanne Staeger, provided comments on the referendum and athletic complex.

4.0 Adjournment to Executive Session -- None

5.0 Public Participation – None

6.0 Adjournment

- 7.1 Upon motion by Ms. Durkin, seconded by Mrs. Burke, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward F. McManus
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

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