

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF FACILITIES NAMING COMMITTEE
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, January 30, 2023 (4:30 PM)

The Facilities Naming Committee convened in Regular Session on January 30 A.D., 2023, at 4:30 p.m., there being present thereat:

Present:	Jason Wind, Chair Julie Hammers, Board Secretary Brian Caton Mike Grossen Melissa Hamilton Terrance Jordan Lori Smith Mark Scheffler
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CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

Mr. Wind called the meeting to order.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

2.1 Chairperson's Report

Mr. Wind gave an overview of the purpose of the meeting, Board Policy 450.09, which relates to the naming of facilities, and the procedures for considering the renaming of a facility. Mr. Wind then read a letter from Christine Ramsey Broeker in which she requests that Memorial Stadium be renamed in honor of her father, Ray Ramsey, a former Lanphier High School teacher and coach.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3.1 Public Comment

Ms. Ramsey Broeker addressed the Committee regarding the requested name change.

DISCUSSION

4.1 Committee Discussion

Mr. Wind provided an overview of the history of Memorial Stadium. He indicated that the field will continue to be used by both Lanphier and Springfield High Schools. He noted that three letters of support to rename the stadium were received.

There was then some discussion regarding how the stadium was named and other facilities that have been named after notable individuals. Mr. Wind reported that the stadium is named to honor all veterans. There was discussion regarding the current name and meaning behind the name.

Mr. Grossen asked for clarification regarding the facility name proposed by Ms. Ramsey Broeker.

Ms. Hamilton expressed concern that the public may not have been given time to make other possible nominations. Mr. Jordan suggested that a portion of the stadium be named for Mr. Ramsey, as the stadium will be used by teams from both Lanphier and Springfield High Schools. There was general consensus that a portion of the stadium, namely the track or the field, be considered for an honorary naming. There was then some discussion about the process for gathering nominations.

RECOMMENDATION

5.1 Committee's Recommendation to the Board of Education

There was general consensus to gather nominations from the public for 30 days, after which the committee will meet again to discuss the nominations received and create a recommendation to give to the Board of Education for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Wind declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, March 13, 2023. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Anthony Mares, President

Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Dated: March 13, 2023