

MILFORD EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT



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BOARD ACCEPTS DONATION FROM BOOSTERS



The Milford Board of Education accepted a check and a commitment from the Milford Athletic Boosters Club at its April 16th meeting. It launches an expanded partnership to financially support athletic facility improvements at Milford High School. The entire community of the Milford School District is working together to make dramatic changes to Milford High School that will last long into the future. The Milford Athletic Boosters Club committed \$425,500 for athletic field additions and improvements to accompany the current bond issue construction project. Construction is underway right now on the campus of Milford High School. The scope of the project requires the repositioning of

athletic fields on the campus. The Boosters organization and the district realized this is a great opportunity to enhance the athletic facilities. The Boosters will fund, through private donations and fundraising efforts, half of the total cost for improvements to the athletic fields.

At the meeting, the Boosters presented the ceremonial check representing the \$425,500 total donation the Boosters will contribute over the next several years. The Boosters also paid the first installment worth \$85,100. The remainder of the cost for the athletic facilities will come from the bond issue funds. The work will result in improvements to the soccer stadium, new tennis courts (for the first time) and the repositioning of baseball and softball fields. State building codes also require two outside restroom facilities which are required because of the distance between the baseball and soccer fields.

At a meeting on April 3rd, the Board accepted bids for much of the work for the entire bond issue project. The board also accepted a bid to add a concession stand and press box to one of the restroom buildings. The Boosters pledged \$319,000 to fund the entire expense of the on-site tennis courts and soccer field improvements and \$106,500 to be used to defray the cost of the restroom building with concessions and press box. The bidding of the projects came at a very good time for the district. The bids came in 17% under budget! Because of this savings, the Board will be able to use bond funds to pay for other critical building projects rather than general fund monies.

The partnership between the Milford Athletic Boosters Club and Milford High School is a very successful one that has resulted in numerous improvements over the years and at no cost to tax payers. The Boosters is continuing its tradition of supporting Milford students and school programs. Milford Athletic Booster Club President Dave Meranda presented the check at the meeting and reassured the board that the Boosters will follow through on its promise to fund these projects. He said, "Construction and renovation of these facilities is an investment in our student-athletes and our community and a huge accomplishment for our organization. It comes at an opportune time since construction teams are already in place and the bids were very competitive." Board President, Debbie Marques thanked the Boosters for the donation saying, "We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated Athletic Boosters Club to make such a wonderful donation to the district."

Milford Athletic Director Mark Trout sees first-hand the positive impact the Boosters have for the students. He said, "We are all very excited about this collaborative effort between the Milford Athletic Boosters Club and the Board of Education to make some much-needed improvements to the athletic facilities. We are fortunate to have such devoted and committed people here who care about all facets of our student's educational experience in the Milford School District. This is a positive accomplishment that will benefit our community and our kids. Thanks especially to our Athletic Booster's members, supporters and parents for their hard work and dedication raising the private funds needed to help our facilities here on campus."

In November 2007, the community supported a bond issue to afford additions and renovations to Milford High School. The improvements focus on a new wing for the

Ninth Grade Community, improved security, an expanded cafeteria, new music wing and improved traffic flow in some of the very crowded hallways.

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