

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

No thanks, Mr. Paterno

It's nice of State College Area school board members to get around to the David Paterno two-school alternative plan by about 11 last night.

It's almost like they were doing him, and us, a favor.

Perhaps they put it so late in the agenda so they could keep the press away.

That's what it looks like to me, but Dena Pauling stayed and [reported the story](#) which essentially says "No thanks, Mr. Paterno."

This board can't find reason to discuss Paterno's plan any more, and says it won't save \$30 million. Interesting, how they can look away from \$30 million without even talking about it.

I just wonder, but then I get e-mails from people in support of this board who pretty much say the same thing, and don't even put in a thanks to Paterno. They don't consider \$30 million anything and one of them can't figure out that elevated crosswalks can work (I've suggested she take a drive around Penn State's campus).

All Paterno or anyone else wanted was the board to set up a time to talk about the alternative plan. The board chose 11 Tuesday night and Paterno got 5 minutes.

Paterno and his group handled this professionally and they deserve more than this. I find interesting that these citizens came forward while citizens helping the board make decisions stay private and meet in private. And I think taxpayers at least deserve consideration of something that would reduce the cost of this current near \$100 million plan.

That's the view from here on a snowy day. The meeting is over and there's no further hearing. Everyone in State College now has time to dig out of the heavy snowfall.