ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MINUTES (Combined Meeting)
May 10, 2016
Seymour High School
Classroom #107
7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ed Strumello, Athletic Committee
Peter Kubik, Athletic Committee
Yashu Putorti, BOE Chairman
Jim Garofolo, Policy Committee
Jay Hatfield, Policy Committee
Jennifer Magri, Policy Committee
Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent
Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent
James Freund, SHS Principal
Tara Yusko, Athletic Director/SHS Assistant Principal
Cathy Federowicz, SHS Coach
Jeff Gilbert, SHS Coach
Tom Lennon, SHS Coach
Pat Boyle, Board Clerk

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

I. CALL TO ORDER
A. Mrs. Tencza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON
A. Athletic Committee
   Mr. Kubik nominated Mr. Strumello to Chair this committee. There were no other nominations and all
   were in favor of Mr. Strumello being the Chairman of the Athletic Committee.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT
None

IV. DISCUSSION
A. Policy Discussion and Possible Action

1. 6145.211  Students-Interscholastic/Intramural Athletics
   Mr. Strumello read both the current and revised versions of Policy 6145.211. He stated he had done
   research on the other towns in our conference in regard to their policy of playing on Sundays and
   holidays. Ms. Yusko had done similar research (see attached handout). Overwhelming evidence
   suggests that other towns have no policy in place addressing either playing games or having practices
   on holidays. The other towns left such decisions up to the discretion of their Athletic Director and
   Administration. Mr. Lennon felt that due to the regulations by the CIAC limiting the amount of contact a
   player can have preceding the football season, that not being allowed to practice on Labor Day could
   impact player safety. He also felt that with games being rained or snowed out it was beneficial having
   the flexibility to practice or have a game on a holiday. Mr. Lennon also stated the coaches at Seymour
   did a good job and look family time into consideration when scheduling practices and games. Mrs.
   Magri wanted it noted that the Policy Committee only looked into this policy as it was brought to their
   attention for clarification. She wanted to know if we should look at changing the policy or just
   eliminating it in its entirety. Mr. Strumello said the CIAC has a policy in place stating that student
   athletics may only have physical activity 6 out of 7 days which should be adequate. Mr. Garofolo asked
   about any issues with religious observances. Mr. Lennon said he never penalizes an athlete for
   attending church. Ms. Yusko stated that the coaches’ take student schedules into account when
scheduling. Mrs. Magri said she felt we should empower our staff to manage this issue. Mr. Putorti felt it should be left to the Athletic Director and to the Administration. Both committees were in agreement that Policy 6145.211 should be eliminated. The Policy Committee will bring the recommendation to the full board at the next meeting.

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
   None

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**
   **MOTION:** (Mr. Kubik/sec., Mr. Strumello) to adjourn the Athletic Committee meeting at 7:29 p.m.
   **SO VOTED**

   **AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Kubik, Mr. Strumello, Mr. Putorti

Submitted by:
Pat Boyle