



Athletic Committee Minutes

September 29, 2014

Chatfield-LoPresti School

Conference Room

7:00 p.m.

Board members in Attendance: Allison Sobieski-McAndrew

Ed Strumello

Board members Absent: Theodora Klarides

Others in Attendance: Christine Syriac

Rick Belden

Jim Freund

Ed Rostowsky

Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Mrs. Syriac called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

II. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Mrs. Syriac asked for nominations for the Chairperson of the Athletic Committee. Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew nominated Mr. Strumello. Hearing no further nominations, Mrs. Syriac called for a vote.

MOTION: (Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew/sec., Mr. Strumello) to appoint Mr. Ed Strumello as chairperson of the Athletic Committee

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew, Mr. Strumello was elected chairperson and Mrs. Syriac turned the meeting over to him.

III. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

A. Reports and Information

1. Fall Sports Report – Ed Rostowsky

Mr. Rostowsky reported the fall team records to date:

Football	2-0	(53 athletes)
Girls Soccer	3-5	(21 athletes)
Volleyball	9-0	(21 athletes)
Boys Soccer	6-2	(37 athletes)
Boys Cross Country	3-3	(20 athletes)
Girls Cross Country	0-6	(7 athletes)
Girls Swim	5-1	(17 athletes)

Overall, Mr. Rostowsky said the teams are doing ok. He noted that the Derby/Seymour football game date has been changed from 10/31/14 to 10/30/14. There will be 11 games this year; 6 home and 5 away. This will be the last year with 11 games; next year there will be 10 games.

2. Concussion Education RE: Parents – Ed Rostowsky

Mr. Strumello asked for an update on where we stand with our concussion education because as Board Members they can be held accountable for making sure this is being done. Mr. Rostowsky reported that we are well ahead of the deadline. We started the program with football and cheerleading since their seasons start early. When they attend the meeting, there is a signature sheet and there is also a signature sheet in the student handbook. Athletes are actually signing twice. Mr. Rostowsky reported that we have had two concussions this year in football. He also reported that four out of school concussions have been reported to the school nurse. Mr. Strumello asked if parents are required to report out of school concussions. Mr. Rostowsky said they do if they need educational modifications. Mr. Freund said that students with concussions often need modifications because they are sensitive to lights, sound, and video images. Mr. Strumello wondered if we had any recourse if parents did not report to school. The conclusion was it would be very hard to enforce. He asked if we should be proactive with area doctors and Mrs. Syriac reminded him that doctors are unable to share information due to the HIPAA.

Mrs. Syriac asked how responsive the parents were. Mr. Rostowsky said most parents were pretty involved but some parents did not come to the meetings. Missing parents will be required to sign off on the informed consent form. Mr. Strumello asked when a student athlete has a concussion, who allows them to return to play. Mr. Rostowsky said the student sees a doctor and works with the coach and the trainer. He noted that a trainer can clear an athlete. Both trainers are comfortable clearing a student.

B. Chairman's Report

Mr. Strumello asked about a situation regarding public works mowing the field at the middle school during the school day. Mrs. Syriac and Mr. Belden have spoken to public works and have set specific hours to mow and water the fields. Mr. Rostowsky reported that he has not had any issues with public works who he finds cooperative and they do a good job painting the field. Mr. Strumello said he thought maybe personalities played a role in the incident. He said he was happy it has been resolved because we depend on public works to help with the fields.

C. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Freund said he applauded the efforts of Mr. Lungarini to build school spirit and he sees a rise in the number of students attending games. 70-100 students now show up to the games and have even named themselves "The Wild". They sit behind the cheerleaders and are very enthusiastic. "The Wild" tee shirts which are bright gold with a student designed logo. Every student who attends a game wearing the shirt will be admitted to the game at a reduced admission fee.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew/sec., Mr. Strumello) to adjourn the meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm

Submitted by
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk