

Seymour Board of Education



ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 23, 2012

Central Office

7:00 P.M.

In Attendance: Jay Hatfield, Ed Strumello, Peter Kubik, Yashu Putorti, Christine Syriac, Glenn Lungarini, Ed Rostowsky, Ken Pereiras, Nichole Ditra

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Review and codification of SHS Athletic Handbook(s)**

Mr. Strumello stated that in today's society our team rules should look alike in format/categories. The rules under the categories can be individualized. Mr. Hatfield asked if our goal is to have the revisions in place for the 2012-13 school year. Mr. Strumello indicated that maybe it is not possible for the fall sports but for winter and spring. Mr. Kubik is suggesting the coach's handbook, student-athlete handbook standardize rules, as many as possible. What is the approval process of individual rules? Mr. Rostowsky reviews the rules. Mr. Kubik suggested the revisions be dated. He also suggested that penalties be standardized between sports. Mr. Lungarini explained that at every level he has been at there is uniqueness for each sport. Philosophy is different at various levels. He explained the difference between team sports and individual sports and the possibility of a penalty difference for missing a practice. Mr. Kubik stated concerns about the established rules not being applied consistently. Mr. Lungarini said once we have a template it will be easier to reach accountability. He shared that Oxford defined in more detail an academic reason for missing practice. Mr. Strumello discussed his concern about students not being excused for academic reasons.

Mr. Rostowsky feels each team should develop their rules and template. He had developed a template last year. Mr. Kubik stated negative treatment is not brought to the attention of the coach or AD due to concerns of further possible negative reactions. Mr. Pereiras stated he takes the rules from the Student-Athlete Handbook as his guide. Mr. Strumello mentioned his concern about inconsistent punishments. Cursing, for example, was handled differently. Mr. Putorti stated coaches need to model, coaches should not swear.

Mr. Lungarini said he thinks we can agree that we can come up with a template. Mr. Strumello said the consensus was that there needs to be some work on this, do we want to do a template for team rules first? Then change the handbook? Should a committee be formed to revise the Student-Athlete Handbook?

Mr. Lungarini felt a template for team rules could be done by fall sports. Mr. Kubik stated he is looking for the handbook rules to be clear and concise, same template, and what can and cannot be global. Mr. Lungarini stated we have two tasks: 1) clean up of the student-athlete handbook and 2) create a template for each sport if they need rules to go beyond the student-athlete handbook.

2. Discussion and possible recommendation to full BOE of an increase to the athletic trainer hours

During the focus groups that Mr. Rostowsky held, people stated a concern about athletic trainer hours. There was \$10,000 at last Board of Education meeting. The suggestion was made that we ask the full Board of Education to apply the money to the athletic trainer. This benefits students directly.

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Kubik) to recommend to the full Board that the \$10,000 be applied to the Athletic Trainer hours

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Strumello, Mr. Kubik

3. Discussion on grant ventures with Ken Pereiras, SHS Softball Coach

Mr. Pereiras stated that the board has been great to softball. Now the only thing the softball field needs is lights. He asked permission to go out and look for grants. Mr. Strumello said yes but said Mr. Pereiras should not sign anything without getting back to Central Office. He also cautioned Mr. Pereiras to be careful of brand names and matching funds.

4. Chairman's Report

Mr. Rostowsky said the football game is on Thanksgiving Day at Woodland. Woodland wanted to move to that day. We have the option when it is our year to schedule it on Thanksgiving or to move it back.

5. Superintendent's Report

None

MOTION: (Mr. Kubik/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Strumello)

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by:
Christine Syriac