



## ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

August 25, 2011

Central Office

7:00 P.M.

**Those in Attendance:** Yashu Putorti, Fred Stanek, Jim Ward, MaryAnne Mascolo, Ed Rostowsky

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

#### 1. **Update on Tracks and Tennis Court Repairs**

The track has been painted and it looks great. The start lines were extended which will enable Seymour to hold league meets. The fencing will be completed within the next two weeks. The tennis courts are done and look good. Work is continuing on the electrical for the courts.

#### 2. **Update on Fields and Bleachers**

The fields are in good shape. The brush has been cut back around the fields. The bleachers on the softball field are up; the fencing is not up yet but should be completed soon. There was some discussion on the use of the fields by Pop Warner in the rain. Ms. Mascolo discussed the OCR review that was done and what recommendations were made with regard to the fields and accessibility for the disabled. There was a discussion regarding making a motion to the full board to approach the Seymour Parks Department with a formal proposal to set aside one of our fields to rest (no play) for one season to allow for turf repair.

**MOTION:** (Mr. Ward/sec., Mr. Putorti) to recommend to the full Board of Education a suggestion to approach Seymour Parks Department with a formal proposal to set aside one of the our fields to rest (no play) for one season to allow for turf repair

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Ward

**3. Summary of Spring Sports**

Mr. Rostowsky reviewed the Summary of Spring Sports. We had a very successful season; both baseball and softball made it to the state championship.

**4. Follow up to Consistent Rules for Teams**

Mr. Rostowsky submitted a report on the Team Rules with the comment that the coaches found it difficult to be consistent from sport to sport. Mr. Stanek felt the rules as submitted were ambiguous and had some concerns with the rules that left a decision up to the coach. He also had concerns with the issue of athletes taking family vacations and being penalized for it. Mr. Stanek felt the use of the word "may" could be problematic. There was a lengthy discussion regarding several issues surrounding the attendance policy for sports. Academic obligations always take precedence over athletics. Students need to notify coaches when they will not be in attendance. Mr. Stanek questioned the deletion of rules regarding foul language. The members of the athletic committee will submit their rules recommendations/concerns to Ms. Mascolo who will forward them to Mr. Rostowsky. In School or Out of School suspensions will result in the prohibition of that athlete to participate in practice or play in a game. Ms. Mascolo will confirm that In School Suspensions should be treated the same as Out of School suspensions. Mr. Putorti asked Mr. Rostowsky to rework the rules and bring it back to the committee for another review.

**5. Chairman's Report****6. Superintendent's Report**

**MOTION:** (Mr. Stanek /sec., Mr. Putorti) to adjourn the meeting

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Ward

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:  
MaryAnne Mascolo