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## ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

### MINUTES

April 5, 2011  
Central Office  
7:00 P.M.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Ed Strumello, Yashu Putorti, Fred Stanek, MaryAnne Mascolo, Rick Belden, Wayne Natzel, Ed Rostowsky  
ABSENT: Jim Ward

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 p.m.

#### 1. Discussion of Spring Sports, April Vacation, and Attendance

Mr. Putorti wanted an accommodation for athletes who have planned family vacation for the April break due to the lack of a February vacation this year. Mr. Putorti did not feel that athletes should be penalized for missing practice during the spring break. Mr. Rostowsky spoke to the commitment that athletes make to the team. Mr. Rostowsky also surveyed other districts in regard to their practice regarding missing practice and family vacations and they did not make accommodations.

#### 2. Rules/Policies for all Sports Teams

Mr. Putorti voiced his concern that the rules and policies for each sport are different and indicated there is a need for the rules and policies to be cleaned up and made uniform. He indicated there were teams that were not following the district policy on practices. Mr. Rostowsky said that he would look into it.

#### 3. Update on Softball Dugout Dedication

The ceremony is set for April 13, 2011 at 4:30 pm. before the Derby game. Mr. Belden asked if we can piggyback on this ceremony to recognize the Matthies Foundation for their donation toward the bleachers. He said Don Smith has suggested this. The consensus was that this could be accommodated and Fred Stanek committed to working on an agenda for this day. Rick Belden indicated the dugouts are complete but we still need to figure out the seating in the dugouts. The temporary fencing is also on site and set to be installed. Mr. Belden asked to move #7 Update on Bleachers up on the agenda for discussion.

#### 4. Update on Bleachers

**Softball Bleachers** - Working with Dennis Rozum to get the bleachers installed, they have not arrived at the high school yet. The concrete pads have been dug and the work is ongoing. The walkways are proceeding forward. The hope is that the pads are done soon; meeting tomorrow to establish the plan. Also, an eight foot fence will be installed in front of the bleachers for safety reasons.

4. **Update on Bleachers (continued)**

**Football Bleachers** – We replace forty to sixty boards a year on the football bleachers because they are exposed to weather and they crack and splinter. It is done in the spring right before graduation each year. Rick indicated that Wayne and he had met with the insurance company to come out and document the condition of the bleachers. The bleacher replacement will be included the 5-year Capital Plan again. There is concern about ADA compliance.

5. **Installation of Track**

Regarding the installation of the track; the bids are out right now for both the track and the tennis courts. We had a mandatory site visit with three vendors. Bids are due back on April 14, 2011 and the game plan is to award the bids at the April 25, 2011 board meeting. The track work was blocked for the week of graduation since we do not want any work going on during that time. We are hoping the work can begin after graduation. The work to be done is the track will be repaired, cleaned, and resurfaced. This should be done every five years; however it has been about 10 years since the last time it was done. The same work will be done for the tennis courts. There was some discussion on extending the straight part of the track by about 10 feet. It was agreed that we can take a look at this. This year, there will be no home track meets because of the condition of the track

6. **Update on Jay Perez Retire Jersey**

The baseball coach is trying to get in touch with Jay Perez to make sure he can attend the ceremony on which has been tentatively set for May 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. If he can it will be a go; if not it will be rescheduled.

7. **Update on Fields**

The French and softball fields are being played on and there are plans to bring in some clay from New Jersey for these fields. The fields have been lined and cleaned up and are in good condition. The upper practice field has been tilled and is in use. The football field will be reseeded; probably in May. Mr. Strumello pointed out that seeding really should be done in the fall because the fields are being used in the spring. Rick Belden indicated that the compliance review is also extended to fields that we use off site, this includes French, Gary, and Bungay. After the compliance report comes back, there will probably be decisions that will have to be made regarding these off site fields.

8. **Chairman's Report**

None

Mr. Strumello asked about the status of the volleyball and basketball court floor. Mr. Natzel indicated that it is on the plan for this summer. We also have the pool issue to address also. After the final numbers are in, we will have to make a decision regarding the priority of these projects. Mr. Strumello indicated that we don't want things to get to a point where we can't have home games for basketball and volleyball. The consensus was the floors should take priority. Mr. Natzel indicated the floor repairs should take about one week.

9. **Superintendent's Report**  
None

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

**SO VOTED**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by:  
MaryAnne Mascolo