

**SEYMOUR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Athletic Committee**

**Minutes**

**October 16, 2008  
Central Office  
7:00 p.m.**

Those in attendance: Mr. Fred Stanek, Mrs. Judy Flood, Mr. Bruce Baker, Mr. Jim Ward, Mr. Rick Belden, Ms. MaryAnne Mascolo

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Ms. Mascolo discussed the data that she collected regarding school districts that have “pay for participation.” In her conversation with other Superintendents; the general feeling was that they do not like “pay for participation” and would like to eventually eliminate it in their districts.

Ms. Mascolo’s recommendation to the Board is not to entertain a “pay for participation” model at this time. She also indicated that should this be an absolute necessity that the Board may consider middle school sports, extra curricular activities as well as an increase in parking fees in order not to target just sports.

Discussion took place and Mr. Baker suggested that we invite other districts to talk with this group about the pros and cons of “pay for participation” in their districts.

Discussion ensued and Mr. Stanek stated as a public school, it is incumbent upon us to provide resources to support academics as well as athletic and extracurricular programs.

Ms. Mascolo stated that should the Board consider charging \$100 dollars per child per sport it would only generate approximately \$66,000.

The consensus of the committee was not to entertain “pay for participation” at this time.

Mr. Belden informed the Board that the high school track needs to be repaired. The initial thinking had been that the track would be replaced when the turf field was put in. As the turf field is no longer an option at this time, Mr. Belden went on to explain that it will be approximately \$50,000 to repair the track. The high school track is used not only for athletic events but it is also used for our instructional programming. The size of this project will require town capital funds. Mr. Belden also indicated that the bleachers and press box need to be replaced and has been in the capital plan since 1999.

**MOTION:** (Mrs. Flood/Mr. Ward) to adjourn the meeting

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mrs. Flood, Mr. Ward, Mr. Stanek

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Submitted by:  
MaryAnne Mascolo