

**SEYMOUR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Athletic Committee**

**Minutes**

**September 4, 2008  
Central Office  
7:00 p.m.**

Those in attendance: Mr. Fred Stanek, Mrs. Judy Flood, Mr. Bruce Baker, Mr. Ed Rostowsky, Ms. MaryAnne Mascolo, Mr. Rick Belden, Parents of wrestling team

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

Ms. Mascolo reviewed funding options for the wrestling program. Discussion ensued. Ms. Mascolo stated that she had concerns regarding the future BOE budgets and she said it is not her recommendation that wrestling will be reinstated for the 2009-2010 school year for several reasons. This is the last year that Seymour will have Oxford students and the high school population will decline to approximately 700 students and it will be impossible to run the breadth of programs that we have now for the few students who express interest. She gave golf as an example; we presently have five (5) students on the golf team. We have some very popular programs such as indoor and outdoor track that should be supported. She also had concerns that should freshman be allowed to participate that there would be an expectation that a wrestling program would run for the 2009-2010 school year. She wanted to be clear to 9<sup>th</sup> graders that there is no expectation that wrestling would be reinstated.

The Board members discussed the option of parent(s) giving a gift to the BOE to fund the program. Parents were supportive of option #1 and said that they would be able to provide the funds to the Board in the form of a gift prior to the start of the season. Mr. Rostowsky said that he would be able to schedule matches.

Mr. Stanek offered the suggestion that some students may want to participate in a team of one in the future.

**MOTION:** (Flood/Stanek): to accept a gift from parents to fully fund the Seymour High School Wrestling program for the 2008-2009 school year. Board of Education monies will not be used to fund this program in future years

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Fred Stanek, Mrs. Judy Flood

Discussion took place on the condition of the football field and many concerns were expressed that although the field looks good from afar, when one get close it is all crabgrass. Once the colder weather comes, the crabgrass will die and there will be brown areas again.

Discussion took place regarding the usage of the fields. Concerns for over usage were discussed. Also concerns were discussed regarding use of the field after a rain storm.

Discussion began around the possibility of freshman sports study halls. Although there appears to be some obstacles to over come, this is an area that will be discussed again in the future.

Discussion also took place regarding the CIAC rules for classes passed and grade averages that must be maintained by athletes. In addition, discussion took place regarding raising the standard for grades from passing to a grade of 70. This information will be discussed with Cathy Goodrich and further research will be conducted.

Mr. Stanek reviewed with Mr. Rostowsky the Board's policy on prohibiting Sunday morning practices. Mr. Rostowsky assured the Board that the coaches adhere to that policy.

Mr. Rostowsky was asked if his coaches to take the mid-term exam schedule into consideration and not to mandate students to stay for later games.

BOE members were made aware that Mr. Kearns is again bringing the motorcycle stunt show to a half time.

**MOTION:** (Flood/Stanek) to adjourn the meeting

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Fred Stanek, Mrs. Judy Flood.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Submitted by:  
MaryAnne Mascolo