

# Seymour Board of Education



## ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MINUTES (Combined Meeting)

May 10, 2016  
Seymour High School  
Classroom #107  
7:00 p.m.

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DATE: 5/16/16  
TIME: 11:50am  
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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ed Strumello, Athletic Committee

Peter Kubik, Athletic Committee

Yashu Putorti, BOE Chairman

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Garofolo, Policy Committee

Jay Hatfield, Policy Committee

Jennifer Magri, Policy Committee

Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent

Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent

James Freund, SHS Principal

Tara Yusko, Athletic Director/SHS Assistant Principal

Cathy Federowicz, SHS Coach

Jeff Gilbert, SHS Coach

Tom Lennon, SHS Coach

Pat Boyle, Board Clerk

### I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Mrs. Tencza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

A. Athletic Committee

Mr. Kubik nominated Mr. Strumello to Chair this committee. There were no other nominations and all were in favor of Mr. Strumello being the Chairman of the Athletic Committee.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### IV. DISCUSSION

A. Policy Discussion and Possible Action

1. 6145.211 Students-Interscholastic/Intramural Athletics

Mr. Strumello read both the current and revised versions of Policy 6145.211. He stated he had done research on the other towns in our conference in regard to their policy of playing on Sundays and holidays. Ms. Yusko had done similar research (see attached handout). Overwhelming evidence suggests that other towns have no policy in place addressing either playing games or having practices on holidays. The other towns left such decisions up to the discretion of their Athletic Director and Administration. Mr. Lennon felt that due to the regulations by the CIAC limiting the amount of contact a player can have preceding the football season, that not being allow to practice on Labor Day could impact player safety. He also felt that with games being rained or snowed out it was beneficial having the flexibility to practice or have a game on a holiday. Mr. Lennon also stated the coaches at Seymour did a good job and took family time into consideration when scheduling practices and games. Mrs. Magri wanted it noted that the Policy Committee only looked into this policy as it was brought to their attention for clarification. She wanted to know if we should look at changing the policy or just eliminating it in its entirety. Mr. Strumello said the CIAC has a policy in place stating that student athletics may only have physical activity 6 out of 7 days which should be adequate. Mr. Garofolo asked about any issues with religious observances. Mr. Lennon said he never penalizes an athletic for attending church. Ms. Yusko stated that the coaches' take student schedules into account when

scheduling. Mrs. Magri said she felt we should empower our staff to manage this issue. Mr. Putorti felt it should be left to the Athletic Director and to the Administration. Both committees were in agreement that Policy 6145.211 should be eliminated. The Policy Committee will bring the recommendation to the full board at the next meeting.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** (Mr. Kubik/sec., Mr. Strumello) to adjourn the Athletic Committee meeting at 7:29 p.m.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Kubik, Mr. Strumello, Mr. Putorti

Submitted by:  
Pat Boyle