

Seymour Board of Education



ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 16, 2017

Central Office

6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ed Strumello, Chairman

Peter Kubik

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Yashu Putorti

Allison Sobieski

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent - Finance & Operations

Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

Tara Yusko

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Strumello called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. DISCUSSION

A. Request to Broadcast Football Games – Rick Belden

Mr. Belden reviewed the request of Mr. Sean Morse who would like to receive permission to broadcast video and photographs of the Seymour High School football games. Mr. Belden indicated that this request is more formal than ones we received in the past and this request has an appropriate plan and the necessary liability insurance coverage. There was a discussion on how Mr. Morse would use the press box. It was agreed as long as there is no problem with them using the press box we should grant this request since it will be good for our student athletes

MOTION: (Mr. Kubik/sec., Mr. Strumello) to recommend to the full Board the approval of Mr. Sean Morse's request to broadcast video and photography of Seymour High School's football games

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Kubik, Mr. Strumello

B. High School Gym Banners – Tara Yusko

Ms. Yusko talked about the process that has been used to verify the information on the current banners. She indicated that the Housatonic League banners would remain. Her proposal is to replace the current NVL and State banners with new and improved vinyl banners. She shared a mock-up of the proposed banners and explained how these would save money since they would not need to be packed up and shipped out each year to be updated/cleaned. These new banners can be updated by us with stick on letters and numbers. Ms. Yuskosaid they look great and you cannot tell they are stick on letters. After some additional discussion on the Housatonic Banners, a decision was made to include the Housatonic League on the banners. Ms. Yuskosaid she thought with this change, it would cost about \$4000 to replace the banners. Mr. Belden indicated that we do not need a motion to go to the full Board for this but this committee should inform the full Board of this decision. It will be included on the August 21, 2017 agenda for discussion.

C. Coaching Certifications – Tara Yusko

Ms. Yusko talked about the process being put in place for emergency coaching certificates. She will be limiting the number of emergency coaching certificates requested by the district to situations of dire need. For example, if we are in need of a golf coach and a pro comes to us and wants to volunteer coach but does not have the proper coaching credentials, we would grant him an emergency coaching certificate which would be good for one year. It will be the responsibility of the volunteer coach to attend the classes needed to secure a 5-year coaching permit within the one year emergency coaching certificate window. Ms. Yusko feels strongly that these classes offer important information on legal, psychology, and how to deal with student athletes that all of our coaches should learn and be properly trained in. She explained that an emergency coaching certificate is in the person's name but is issued to the district. This process will be communicated to coaches and will be included in the Coaching handbook. Mr. Strumello was worried about the notice of this change being too short for fall sports. Ms. Yusko reminded him that this will be done on a case to case basis.

E. Recognizing All State Athletes – Tara Yusko

Ms. Yusko said she had been approached by a coach with an idea to recognize the All-State athletes by painting their names on the wall of the hallway from the pool to the gym. Mr. Strumello expressed concern about having more stuff on the hallway walls. There was a general consensus that there is just too many people to be recognized and how far would we go back and whether or not that information is even available. Ms. Yusko said maybe would could do some type of book that could be updated each year or maybe include this in the yearbook. She said she would check to see if this was possible with Ms. Keeffe who is the yearbook advisor.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairman Report

Mr. Strumello said he was approached by Mr. Brian Cleveland about possibly allowing 6th grade students to play girls soccer. He is requesting this because of the lack of participation in 7th and 8th grade is such that we do not have enough to have a team. Currently the only sport that allows 6th grade participation is Cross Country and this was done because it was a brand new sport. Ms. Yusko asked if Mr. Cleveland had discussed this idea with Mrs. Hamad since it would be her decision. Mr. Strumello said he had talked to administration. Mr. Belden said he felt the lack of participation in the school team is probably more due to the number of students who play with travel teams. There was also a concern that other teams would want to do the same. After a little more discussion, this committee said they are not ready to support this idea at this time. Mr. Strumello also asked Ms. Yusko to go over the events leading up to the decision to open up the purchasing of uniforms from vendors other than Blanchette's. Ms. Yusko said there was a coaches meeting in June and another vendor was offered as an additional resource for uniforms. It was to make a change if they wanted to. The vendor had better pricing and quality. These uniforms are NIKE and are a much better quality and they offer us additional staff shirts which Blanchette's did not. They also offer the option of creating an online store for parents to purchase school attire.

B. Superintendent Report

None

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Mr. Kubik/sec., Mr. Strumello) to adjourn

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Kubik, Mr. Strumello

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm