

Seymour Board of Education



ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 19, 2018
Seymour Middle School
Library Media Classroom
7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kristen Harmeling
Pete Kubik
Ed Strumello

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent
Tara Yusko, SHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Pat Boyle, Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

MOTION: (Mr. Kubik /sec. Ms. Harmeling) to nominate Mr. Strumello as the chairperson of the Athletic Committee.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Kubik, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Strumello

Mr. Strumello was appointed the Chairperson of the Athletic Committee.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. DISCUSSION

A. Athletic Trainer Contract-Mr. Rick Belden

Mr. Belden stated that Ms. Yuskos had contacted him regarding the current situation with the athletic trainer service and the fact that the athletic trainer we have been using for several years is now a teacher employed by the Seymour Public Schools. While she was out on maternity leave recently, Ms. Yuskos contracted with Proactive Sports Medicine, LLC. At this time, she advised the committee that this organization will continue for the 2018-19 school year. Two years ago the cost was \$21,500 while last year we spent \$21,000; this year so far we have spent \$8,600. This is well under the cost accrued for this period during the last two years. The other advantage of going with an organization instead of an individual is the availability of multiple trainers when there are multiple sporting events taking place on the same day. The organization can also provide Physical Therapy and concussion assessment when needed. The committee agreed that this was an appropriate course of action. They will communicate the recommendation of Ms. Yuskos for information purposes to the full board at the next meeting.

B. Substance Abuse Policy-Ms. Tara Yuskos

Ms. Yuskos is seeking input from this committee on the substance abuse policies in the Athletic Handbook. It is very specific with punishments occurring during the student/athletes' playing season but does not address any athletic consequences if the violation occurs during the off-season. It also does not include any consequences associated with vaping. After discussion by the committee, it was agreed that Ms. Yuskos would seek input from Mr. Freund and Mr. Lucke.

They are being asked to put together recommendations as a group and Ms. Yusko would bring back those recommendations to this committee for review. Mr. Belden also suggested that we consider having the same consequences apply to all extracurricular clubs and organizations, i.e. choir, drama, etc.

C. Five Year Equipment Plan-Ms. Tara Yusko

Ms. Yusko distributed an Equipment Purchase and Replacement Schedule for the committee to review. She stated that the next items that should be done are mats for the long jump and pole vault. The tennis courts are in need of resurfacing and the lighting needs to be replaced. Mr. Strumello asked about the replacement of the turf field. Mr. Belden said this needs to put on the Town Capital Improvement plan as the cost will be \$300,000-\$400,000. Ms. Harmeling asked why the tennis court resurfacing couldn't go on the Capital Plan as well. Mr. Belden said it was a matter of how much it would cost to resurface. Ms. Harmeling also noted that the basketball courts at the middle school were in need of repair.

D. Online Ticket Program-Ms. Tara Yusko

Ms. Yusko reported that the Online Ticket program worked out really well. Unfortunately, the company we were using was bought out and the new company raised the rates of the program significantly. Ms. Yusko will be researching other companies.

V. **REPORTS**

A. Chairman's Report

Mr. Strumello asked if the coaches were aware of the hard freeze on purchases including the banners that were to be bought and updated. Ms. Yusko said all of the coaches were aware and most had informed the parents.

B. Superintendent's Report

None

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: (Mr. Kubik/sec. Ms. Harmeling) to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Kubik, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Strumello

Submitted by:
Pat Boyle