



ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 17, 2017
Seymour Middle School
Conference Room
7:00 p.m.

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DATE: 5/22/17
TIME: 3:30pm
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ed Strumello, Chairman
Peter Kubik
Allison Sobieski

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent
Tara Yusko, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Pat Boyle, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Mr. Strumello called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. DISCUSSION

A. Family ID Program- Tara Yusko

Mrs. Yusko would like to implement an on-line registration process for sports. This would save the demographic information on students, so parents would just need to update any changes and electronically sign that the information was correct. It would have a section for the nurse to clear the student medically. This would also allow the coaches access to electronic up-to-date information. Mr. Kubik asked if it was user friendly. Mrs. Yusko stated yes it was and at Meet-the-Coaches night they would have laptops set up for the parents and assistance available for any parent who might need it. Currently Watertown and Oxford are using the program and are happy with it. Mr. Strumello wanted to know what it would cost, where would the money come from and if Mr. Dyer, Director of IT had any input in the decision. Mrs. Yusko stated the cost was \$800.00 for the year and that Mr. Dyer had been consulted and was fine with the program. Mr. Belden said the cost would come out of the Technology Software line item. The committee was in agreement to recommend to the full Board the purchasing of the "Family ID Program."

B. High School Gym Banners- Tara Yusko

Mrs. Yusko would like the Board to consider updating the banners to vinyl. Currently when a banner needs to be updated it needs to be sent out and it takes months to get them back. You can update the vinyl within a couple of weeks. The cloth banners are difficult to clean. Cloth banners cost over \$400.00 and vinyl \$150.00. After discussion it was suggested that Mr. Belden and Mrs. Yusko put forth a cost estimate and a projection of when they would be done. Depending on the cost this may be phased in over a couple of years.

C. Request to Broadcast Football Games- Tara Yusko

Mrs. Yusko stated that Mr. Freund received an e-mail from Dan Johnson a former student requesting as part of his Master of Business degree he be allowed to live-stream selected football games with on the field reporting. Board policy states that only professional news media is allowed to film sporting events, or filming for coaching purposes is allowed. Also, the student privacy act may preclude this being allowed. Mr. Belden was concerned with the liability of having someone on the field. This could open us to being liable if someone is either hurt or inappropriate comments are made during filming.

After discussion it was decided that Mrs. Yusko and Mr. Belden would draft a letter to Mr. Johnson stating that regrettably we are unable to grant his request.

D. Ticketing/All Season Pass Program Change- Tara Yusko

Mrs. Yusko would like to change our ticketing program to "State Champ Ticket Program" from "Ticket-Tracker". The "State Champ Program" is free and would allow electronic (on your cell phone) tickets instead of paper passes. Paper passes would be available upon request. The "State Champ Program" lends itself to other paying activities such as play tickets, prom signups and table assignments, etc. This could help the class advisors as well as the athletic director. The cost savings from the "Ticket Tracker" program would be used to offset part of the cost of the "Family ID Program". The committee was in agreement to go forward with the "State Champ Ticket Program".

E. HS Football Field Road Behind Stands- Rick Belden

There have been no new updates on this. At this time there is sufficient handicapped parking and accessibility from the parking lot. The access road will be used for emergency personnel only. This item can be removed from future agenda consideration.

IV. **REPORTS**

A. Chairman's Report

Mr. Strumello is requesting that we look at a more appropriate way to display Maria Conlon's retired jersey. Currently we have a piece of paper with her name on it. He would like to see a plaque attached or something to class it up. Mrs. Yusko will look into something more appropriate.

B. Superintendent's Report

None

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: (Mr. Kubik/sec.Ms. Sobieski) to adjourn

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by:
Pat Boyle