

MINUTES

Board of Education

Ad hoc Football-Sports Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 2022; 7:30 PM

Library Media Center; Nonnewaug High School

5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, CT

Committee Members Present:

Michael Devine, Chair
Chris Matta
Carol Ann Brown

Absent:

N/a

Also Present:

Wayne McAllister, Acting Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations
Pam Sordi, Principal, Nonnewaug High School
Declan Curtin, Athletic Director, Nonnewaug High School
Patricia Paige, Board Recording Clerk

I. Call to order

Mr. Devine called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

II. Lacrosse Feasibility Study

Nonnewaug Club LaCrosse members, Kylie Bootsma and Maria Duncan, sat before the committee to ask that Region 14 sponsor both a Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse team stating that there are enough students to sustain the teams and the fields are already established for play. The request was made in prior years with concerns of cost and number of players at the forefront.

The Nonnewaug Lacrosse Club teams are administered through Woodbury Park and Rec and have been in place for 12 years. There is always a dominant presence from Region 14. This year, the roster consists of 38 players, comprised of both boys and girls, with one, non-Region 14 player on the team.

The members reasoned that there is no difference between the club and the Region 14 team except, they do not get a bus; they must follow the same rules and regulations. They further argued that it is getting increasingly difficult to secure games, as they are not CIAC sponsored. The games are scrimmages and do not count.

Feeder programs were also discussed, but were considered not to be sustainable due to other programs offered in surrounding areas. Co-op is not an option due to the number of players; must be under 16.

Region 14 considerations include scheduling, impact on other sports, cost, Co-op restrictions and field usage. Mr. Devine explained that they need to understand all of the pros and cons and will take all under deliberation.

III. Football Co-op

Declan Curtin, the high school Athletic Director, provided an update on the Football Co-op. The co-op enjoyed a 7-3 varsity record in the CTC conference for the 2021 season; JV ended up playing a six game schedule. Actual money spent was less than anticipated and saved the district \$5,311.

Litchfield High School and Shepaug have both requested to join the co-op for the 2022 season and both BoE's have approved and committed to merging. The application has already been completed,

well in advance of the May 1st filing deadline. It is up to the CIAC now to reject or accept. It has been communicated to Wolcott that Region 14 cannot be responsible for any additional funds beyond what was agreed to last year.

A new MOU will be required to account for the financing of the new co-op. The goal is to have a full-fledged JV team with a full schedule.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Paige". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "P".

Patricia Paige, Board Clerk