

MINUTES

Board of Education
Ad hoc Football-Sports Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 15, 2022; 9:00 a.m.
Via Zoom

Committee Members Present:

Michael Devine, Chair
Chris Matta
Carol Ann Brown
George Bauer

Absent:

N/a

Also Present:

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

I. Call to order

Mr. Devine called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. Lacrosse Co-op

The meeting was called to allow Mr. McAllister an opportunity to share an e-mail he received from Region 6/Litchfield Superintendent, Chris Leone, regarding an opportunity for Region 14 to join a Lacrosse co-op. A recap of the committee's last meeting on April 11th was provided by Declan Curtin, Athletic Director at Nonnewaug High School. At that point, more information was required from the CIAC regarding co-ops and whether or not they would allow co-ops to start up above the number of participants that were originally founded. Uncharacteristically, their Board has since voted and will now allow co-ops to exist above the player numbers originally established with the caveat that the teams would not be allowed to compete in state tournament play. To establish some regulations on the number of players, the CIAC only approves applications for a two-year period, but it was noted that most applications are approved for one.

Mr. Curtin stated that if the CIAC ascertains that the number of players are exceeding 30-35, they may require the districts to operate on their own. Thomaston and Terryville have been invited to join Region 6/Litchfield if Region 14 does not entertain the opportunity.

Typically, as the host team, Region 6/Litchfield would have the right to determine location; Region 14 would have no decision-making power, however an MoU would outline the participant rights i.e. coaches, number of games played in Region 14 and fields used.

The consensus of the committee was that the co-op is a great opportunity for many students and it should be moved to the full board for consideration. Mr. Curtin will investigate how to share ownership, play and practice locations, and anticipated costs for the first two years.

Mr. McAllister will reach out to Superintendent Leone to let him know that the committee has an interest in pursuing the invitation and that it will be brought to the full Board.

George Bauer made a motion that the Region 14 subcommittee approve moving forward for the co-op lacrosse program with the reliance on MoU that is mutually agreed upon by all parties; seconded by Chris Matta; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

III. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Patricia Paige, Board Clerk