

**Conneaut School District
Athletic Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 3, 2016**

The Conneaut School District Athletic Ad Hoc Committee meeting was called order by Chairman David Schaef at 4 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2016. The meeting was held at the Conneaut Area Senior High School library, with Committee members in attendance –David Schaef, Dorothy Luckock, Don Ellis, Jr., John Acklin, Kevin Burns, David Maskrey and Jarrin Sperry.

Mr. Schaef asked for any visitors to address the Board before the agenda items were discussed.

Two parties interested in starting up a cheerleading club addressed the Board and expanded on a letter they sent to the Board. In some detail the letter was based on the interest of the current cheerleaders and upcoming students to the high school. The proposal emphasized enabling the students who have a love for cheerleading to continue to do so after the budget cuts that eliminated the winter cheerleading for wrestling and basketball.

Through volunteers, parents and students and as a club the adults would be responsible for practices, travel, coaches fundraising and if needed insurance.

The High School Cheerleading Club asked Board permission as follows;

- a. Use the already existing uniforms and pompoms that were purchased for the previous cheerleaders;
- b. The ability to use the gym and mats for practices;
- c. To have an area at the games to perform, and;
- d. Permission to use the Eagles logo on things associated with the club.

They further explained the same credentials would be used to be eligible such as grades, attendance and more. Down the road they hope to bring on more super fans to the football games.

Mr. Schaef asked if their plans were for both basketball and wrestling and they replied yes with different squads of 12-15 per squad. They plan on traveling to all the away games but need parents for vehicles. The Board reminded them they will need fundraising to pay for the transportation. Bill Garlic is donating his time and Wally Hyde the bus.

Mrs. Luckock admitted that the Board probably would not endorse the use of existing uniforms and pom poms used by our previous cheerleaders. She has two daughters that cheered and understands the nature of the beast. She suggested a t-shirt and shorts or pants would work the first year but we also need to be aware of the appropriate attire. It is very difficult for members of the public and that it is a uniform and not clothing of your own choosing.

Mr. Sperry added that all other clubs “endorsed” by the District have had to supply their own outfits/uniforms through fundraising so we need to stay consistent. The ladies asked if they could buy the old uniforms and Mr. Sperry stated the Board has to authorize the sale and we do not anticipate purchasing new ones anytime soon. We plan to use all the uniforms as long as we can before replacing them. We do have a JV Football squad with more individuals, this will require more uniforms. Once they get worn and torn we plan on using our backups.

The Board recommended having the student purchase their own due to sizing and not have to worry about collecting at the end of the year nor fitting the next year.

They were informed that this could be covered under our District insurance umbrella, even with away games. All current clearances are needed.

Mrs. Luckock asked that if volunteers are not up to speed on cheerleading and stunting to please limit the stunting for safety reasons.

Eligibility and regulations were briefly discussed.

The Board moved to the agenda discussion items.

Discussion Items-

Cheerleading Club Request –

The Committee asked Mr. Maskrey on his thoughts for this request; he is impressed they are doing away games and wondered where all these people were last year when the basketball cheerleading position was open; of which he only received one interested applicant.

The Committee was in consensus to recommend approving the request and send it to the next voting meeting but would not permit using school district uniforms.

Miscellaneous –

Conneaut Valley Middle School banners are up and look great. Display cases are setup nicely for the open house. Alumni permitted the building to move one graduating class display.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM



David Schaefer, Chairman



Mrs. Jody Sperry, Board President



Greg Mayle, Board Secretary