

**Conneaut School District Athletic Committee**

**November 19, 2018**

The meeting of the Athletic Committee was called to order at 6:30 pm on November 19, 2018 as advertised in the CASH library. Present for the meeting were Directors Don Ellis, Kathy Klink and Dorothy Luckock; Superintendent Jarrin Sperry; Athletic Director John Acklin and CASH Principal Dave Maskrey. Also present were Assistant Athletic Directors Jeff Hans and Brian McCall as well as various coaches and interested persons.

These topics were presented and discussed:

- Review of the fall season:
  - The soccer field was improved, thankful for better weather this year. Noted that the main field had grass, but more work needed to seed in front of the goals. It was reported that additional drainage work was done as well.
  - Coaches expressed great interest in developing a Middle School Soccer program. The skill level needed to compete at the Varsity level – the opponents have feeder programs.
  - Other programs discussed regarding middle school are Boys' volleyball and Lacrosse. It is noted that Junior High girl's Lacrosse is a spring sport, and many tend to compete against other sports (ex. Softball).
  - Golf went well. Ongoing concern is the amount of school time missed as some miss all day. Apparently, what used to be 9 hole matches are now 18 hole and scheduling is a challenge. Don Ellis is to bring up this concern of academic time being missed at the next District 10 meeting.
- Middle School coaches & participation:
  - Staffing at Middle School sports continues to be a concern, primarily at Valley Boys' Basketball. Discussed was the pros & cons of having practices immediately after school (3 pm) versus later when kids need rides both ways.
  - It was mentioned that when Varsity coaches go to the middle schools to talk to interested students that it is a "big deal" and tends to be much more effective than just a sign-up sheet.
  - The Cross Country program asked about consideration of a middle school coach that could oversee those students between the 3-4 pm timeframe. Currently they ride a bus to CASH and wait for the HS program to start. In addition, their distances are much less and a possibility is to have some early season practices at the middle school.
  - Spring Offerings at Middle School were reviewed.
  - The Athletic Directors requested that Junior High Cheer be reinstated for Winter Sports – specifically for Boys' Basketball. This program was eliminated at the time a few years ago when the High School basketball and wrestling cheer was eliminated. (Wrestling cheer is now a club self-funded program). Also noted was that the uniforms have only been used a couple years so years of "life" before needing to be replaced. The AD anticipated the only costs would be the coach supplemental salary. It was noted that an option would be do only do home games. The Assistant Athletic Directors were

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instructed to discuss this scenario and review costs with their building principals and Mr. Acklin. That way everyone is on the same page. The committee has not made a formal recommendation yet on this request until this review has been done.

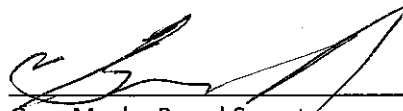
- Letters for Club Sports – Scott Shannon has put together an informational paper/request that he sent to Mr. Acklin for consideration – for Clubs that compete at the Varsity level – sports that are recognized and compete in PIAA those athletes be eligible for a Letter. Examples are Boys Lacrosse, Bowling, Track & Field and Swimming. It was also mentioned that these that are approved by the school board to represent the school using our colors and mascot are self-funded. They do not receive any support from the Sports Boosters either. The committee responded that it has been awhile since the board considered letters for these students and asked for this proposal be sent to the committee for review. Mr. Maskrey supports this for Self-funded sports recognized by PIAA. No recommendation was made by the committee until this informational proposal is reviewed.
- Don Ellis brought up a question for clarification of the Over Mileage charges to booster groups for team travel over 150-mile round trip. The mileage part is stated clearly in Policy #123 (and the Athletic Handbook), but the wording regarding driver hour costs can be read 2 different ways. Mr. Acklin and Mr. Maskrey stated that they have been administering it by that the booster group pays for 2 hours of driver time. The business office wants to ensure that everyone is interpreting the policy the same way. Dot Luckock is to reach out to the policy committee and district solicitor to see if an example could be incorporated. Apparently, there is an outstanding invoice from the district to a booster group with a significant dollar amount waiting on this clarification.

The board members went into an Executive Session immediately following adjournment to review and discuss agency business which, if conducted in public, might lead to disclosure of information protected by law, specifically to discuss a personnel matter.

The meeting was adjourned, and all thanked for attendance and input.



Dorothy Luckock  
Board President/Committee Chairperson



Greg Mayle, Board Secretary