

## Conneaut School District Athletic Committee

September 12, 2019

The meeting of the Athletic Committee was called to order at 6:30 pm on September 12, 2019 as advertised in the CASH library. Present for the meeting were Directors Don Ellis and Dorothy Luckock; Superintendent Jarrin Sperry (by phone); Principal Dave Maskrey and Athletic Director John Acklin. Also present were various coaches.

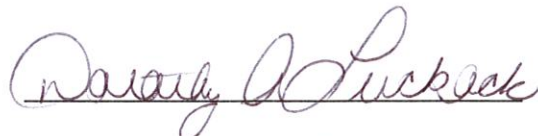
These topics were presented and discussed:

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball – First year head coach Derek Thomas presented a proposal for consideration regarding a change from a stand-alone 9<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team to incorporating into the JV team. Some of the information presented included a lack of competitiveness; not a lot of success; challenges with recruitment from Middle School such as 6 from Conneaut Lake and 2 from Conneaut Valley. He is looking at 20-22 for Varsity and JV and feels that all can be included with 9<sup>th</sup> grade able to play JV on a regular basis. This change would not reduce coaching staff as that 9<sup>th</sup> grade Assistant Coach would transition to a JV assistant coach; but that students would gain common practice times and additional time spent with Varsity coaches to gain skill levels. There would be cost savings in transportation, officials and scoring workers as there was a separate schedule. It was the consensus of the committee to recommend this change to the full board.
- Cross Country course – apparently due to wet conditions during the time that the course was being worked on, a section still needs some work – described as needing some pipe and gravel. Head coach Cornell relayed this information and is to follow up with Mr. Acklin and Mr. Maskrey; in conjunction with Mr. Kimmel on this matter.
- Coach Cornell also reported that students had seen a “guy with a beer” along the course, in the area of the “old railroad bed” which we understand some of the public use for fishing access.
- A question on Junior High cheer equipment was fielded by Coach Scott and Dot reviewed board minutes and followed up with her via email by the next day.
- A question on assignment of Golf coaches was mentioned. The last couple years there have been enough girls for a “separate” team; but currently is working as part of the “boys golf” program with an assistant coach and volunteer scenario. Going into the next year budget, if numbers continue for a full separate team scenario for both boys and girls, a separate Head Coach may be recommended.
- Boys Lacrosse mentioned that the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes coming up are smaller and seeing lower participation numbers – at least from CL. We will keep an eye on this information.

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



Greg Mayle, Board Secretary



Dorothy Luckock, Board President