



Region 14 Schools

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Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Ad hoc Football-Sports Committee
Thursday, December 8, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Nonnewaug High School
Library Media Center

Present

Chris Matta, Chair
Carol Ann Brown
Chris Griffin
Jim Crocker (ex-officio)

Absent

Michael Devine

Also Present

Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Declan Curtin, Athletic Director
Patricia Paige, Recording Clerk

I. Call to order

Chris Matta called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Matta noted that he plans to call a meeting of the committee in the fall and again in the spring and thereafter on an as needed basis.

II. Fall Sports

Athletic Director Declan Curtin recapped the fall season and shared the following stats:

Team Standings

Field hockey 3-11-1
Football 10-1
Boys' soccer 13-2-1
Girls' soccer 17-2
Volleyball 15-3
Boys Cross Country 7-3
Girls Cross Country 6-4
Golf 10-4

Overall program record of 71-24 or 74.7% win percentage

Football Expenses

Operational costs (without coaching and transportation) total \$17,787.18
Revenue totals \$13,600 plus gate receipts of \$3100= \$16,700 total revenue

Recognitions

29 All Berkshire League recognitions for athletes

5 All-State athletes

Berkshire League Champions- Girls' soccer

Connecticut Technical Conference Co-Champs- Football

Western Coaches Soccer Officials Association- Bob Stirling Sportsmanship Award for Boys' soccer

III. Athlete's Council Update

Brett Davino, President

Lux Calo, Vice President

Sage Mauro, Secretary

Athletic Council members are nominated by their coaches. Once the committee is formed, officer elections are held and event planning becomes the first order of business beginning with Pink Out. Students sold baked goods and the proceeds were to support breast cancer prevention and awareness. The committee continues their efforts to promote school spirit and raise money for various community assistance programs.

Members recently attended a CIAC sponsored student conference at Southern Connecticut State University where they participated in team building activities and learned first-hand what it is like to be a college athlete.

When asked how the district and Board might support their initiatives, they questioned the feasibility of transporting students to off campus athletic events to encourage school spirit. A suggestion was to trial an event and then assess its suitability.

Carol Ann Brown suggested prominently displaying the athletic schedule on the district's webpage.

When prompted, Mr. Curtin noted that his "wish list" included a press box with technology that would allow for live streaming. He was asked to work with the district's technology department on obtaining a quote for WiFi on the field and two boosters for the gym.

IV. Lacrosse Start-up

The Lacrosse co-op is expanding to include Thomaston and with that, will require a revised Memorandum of Agreement. The new understanding will not have any impact on Region 14 stipulations. The application will be submitted to the CIAC next week for approval with job postings for coaching positions anticipated the week before Christmas.

V. Winter Sports Review

Rebecca Pope has been hired as the new girls' basketball coach. Ms. Pope is a former graduate of Nonnewaug High School and a well-respected science teacher.

All other winter sports are off to a good start. Mr. Curtin did note his concern for young drivers traveling to the hilly terrain of Waterbury and his plans to cancel athletic activities even with the slightest chance of inclement weather.

VI. Preliminary Update on NVL/BL Merger

Conversations were recently had on exploring the potential of a merger between the Berkshire League and NVL. Athletic Directors were asked to have a conversation with their respective Superintendent and Board of Education members on its viability. At this point in time, the consensus of the Berkshire League constituents was to remain as is, but they are not closing the door to the idea. Superintendent Murphy indicated that the sentiments of the LCSA group was that there was no push to leave the league, that there would have to be a formal invite from the NVL, but nothing has been done to date.

The Athletic Council members agreed. There are many familiar faces from relationships that have been built over the years and they enjoy the school spirit and existing rivalries.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 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 initial "P".

Patricia Paige

Board Clerk

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