



LEHIGHTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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Athletic Committee Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2016

7:30 AM

Administrative Building

Attendance: Mr. C. Reichl, Principal, Mr. K Spotts, A.D., Board Members: Steve Holland, Wayne Wentz & Larry Stern

- **Stadium Project Update:** Graduation went well, with positive feedback from the community. A lot of credit goes to all those involved in the set up process, which was a time involved effort.

The track resurfacing is complete, all the material is down. The surveyor is here and the line striping should be done today or tomorrow, which then leaves the latex paint. The track will remain closed until at least Monday, June 20th.

We now have the field house occupancy permit and have started to move in and organize. Five desks are needed for the offices. The storage areas are being set up and the athletic equipment is being cleaned up. Everything should wrap up in the next few weeks.

The play clocks are here.

- **Athletic Code of Conduct Update:** The following proposed changes will go to the June board meeting for approval: Page 2 - Clarify "in school" and "out of school" suspension. There is open communication with both the Principal and Asst. Principal to the A.D. in regard to the discipline of Athletes.

Page 4 - As per PIAA regulations highlight the age 19 prior to the students' Senior year.

Page 5 - Added attendance information for clarification in regard to earning a Senior Varsity Letter.

Page 6 - Drug & Alcohol, changed from 28 days out to 14 days. However, this may need board approval in reference to Policy # 122. Follow up - Will need to update policy to reflect changes. Will send updated policy info to Mr. Cleaver for July meeting.

- **Fall Stadium Schedule:** All Varsity sports will be played on turf in the multi-purpose stadium. Some JV will need to be played on the grass fields. Schuylkill League events will be played @ Lehighton stadium for Boys & Girls Soccer in October.
The old stadium bleachers will be demolished starting the week of July 4th.

- **Game Worker Pay Scale:** The rate for game workers will remain the same as in the past, however it has been requested it be placed on the board agenda.

Security will now be hired from "in house" if board approves. Our security will not handle the directing of traffic. The pay rate was based on a District 11 survey. T-shirts (or something similar) will be purchased for Security. It is uncertain if there will be enough people available for Football security therefore, Mr. Spotts will need to inquire if outside people may be hired with required clearances.
It should be a more controlled environment in the new complex.

Game Manager pay was split into an hourly rate. All rates are controlled by the Athletic budget.

Overtime for school employees will need to be addressed with the Business Manager in regard to Athletic events.

- **Cheer Coverage on Agenda:** Cheering is covered by Insurance. Mr. Spotts will inquire if coverage will need to be purchased each year now that Cheering is a PIAA sport or if it only pertains to the Competition Team. Mr. Spotts followed up with Mr. Feick and he called our insurance company. Cheering is covered by our insurance without the need of a separate motion.

- **Coaching Hires:** There is still a need for an Assistant Field Hockey Coach. Also an Assistant Girl's Basketball Coach. Spring Sport Coach openings will be placed on the July Board Agenda.
Lehighton Athletics has had a good year, with many achievements including 3 different District Championship games.

- **Important Dates:** August 15, 2015: First Competition; Football heat acclamation one week prior
August 23rd: Meet the Tribe @ 6:30 PM
August 23rd: Stadium Dedication & Bell

August 26th: First Football Game
Sept. 30th: Homecoming Game
Oct. 1st: Homecoming Dance
Oct. 14th: Tomahawk Ticket Night
Oct. 21st: Senior Night & Tail Gate Event

- Other: Mr. Reichl would like a group from school choir to sing at all Sporting events

Mr. Reichl also asked if anyone would be opposed to 8th graders being included in the HS Marching Band, however they would not replace HS students nor would we order more uniforms.

Mr. Reichl & Mr. Spotts would like to promote a Youth Camp which would be offered at a minimum fee and highlight a different sport each day. Looking at next summer as long as construction allows.

Steve Holland inquired if Season tickets could be sold earlier. The sales will have to wait until tickets are ordered and received and the bleachers are numbered. It will also need to be determined if the Season ticket prices will remain the same or increase and if there will be a charge for Soccer & Field Hockey.

Wayne Wentz reported he has received great comments in regard to the new concession stand.

Larry Stern is requesting signs in regard to turf regulations that include prohibiting things such as red drinks, sunflower seeds, gum, etc..

Steve Holland asked about the football equipment setting outside - will we be purchasing new? The coaches are going through it and things will be replaced as warranted and when funds are available. Coaches will play a role in putting the equipment away.

More/better security is suggested to enforce the "no smoking" policy, especially at half time.

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