



**LEHIGHTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL**  
**ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**  
KYLE SPOTTS, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES AND FACILITIES PLANNING

1 INDIAN LANE  
LEHIGHTON, PA 18235-1798  
TELEPHONE (610) 377-6180  
FAX (610) 377-0303

**Athletic Committee Minutes**  
**February 14, 2017**  
**7:30 AM**  
**Administrative Building**

**Attendance: Mr. Spotts, Mrs. Bowman, Mr. Holland, Mr. Stern, Mr. Wentz, Mrs. Koch – Notes, and Mr. Cleaver showed up near the end of the meeting.**

- Old News: The lighting to the concession stand has been installed. The lighting is good/sufficient.

Mr. Feick informed Mr. Spotts that our insurance will cover "in house" security. Some employees have already expressed an interest in helping, but the Fall Season will be more difficult to secure in house persons. We will purchase security shirts for our personnel to wear so they are recognizable.

We missed hosting some football playoff games - due to construction the access road was closed.

Fall Coaches: All Head Coaches were rehired except our two new hires - John Henne was hired for Girls Soccer and Corinne McConville was hired for Field Hockey. The Assistant coach positions for these sports have been reposted.

- Top 10% Banquet: This year the banquet will be held May 15<sup>th</sup> in the high school cafeteria. It will be more cost effective with a similar menu. Holding it at the high school will also bring more people onto the campus to see other things taking place.
- Booster Club Track Meet: Cale Kresge submitted two requests, the one date was a conflict with our HS Chorus Concert and Art Show therefore, a new date of May 13<sup>th</sup> has been set. Cale also submitted a request to hold an additional meet in June. Discussion then took place in regard to the track equipment still being out so close to graduation. There was also an inquiry into the reason why/what purpose they were requesting another meet.  
Followup: Mr. Spotts contacted Cale and was informed they decided not to hold an additional meet this year.

- Winter Sports went well (except unruly parents). Girls Basketball 9 - 13, very competitive but came up two games short on qualifying for playoffs.  
Wrestling has made a lot of progress. Mr. Brown has done a good job coaching.  
Boys Basketball had 16 wins this season and qualified for playoffs as the #3 seed.
- Wall of Fame/Hall of Fame: Mr. Spotts and Mr. Reichl are interested in starting a Wall/Hall of Fame which would involve a one to two year planning stage with a committee to submit nominations. Jim Thorpe and Tamaqua already have this in place. A plaque would be given to the person chosen. This "Wall" would possibly be located in the HS lobby or Gym and would replace some of the older existing ones. Will continue to look into options and report back to Committee.
- Letter to Unruly Fans/Parents at Sporting Events: Due to a recent incident that occurred at a home JV Boys Basketball game between two parents that had to be escorted out of the game - the Athletic Committee agreed there should be a letter/policy drafted to handle and discourage these scenes from reoccurring. There was talk of the individual (s) being suspended from 1 or possibly two home games and perhaps including behavior at away events as well. Mr. Wentz stated the little league already has a similar policy in place. Mr. Spotts will poll District XI schools to see what types of policies/guidelines are in place at other schools.
- Playoffs  
See above for Winter Sports Discussion...
- Other: Mr. Spotts reported the Schuylkill League approved the new league football schedule for the 2018/2019 school years.
- In regard to Field Hockey there were changes within the EPC League involving league schedules that causes us to be dropped by a few schools. Therefore you will see some new teams on the schedule for next year - Bloomsburg, Berwick, Moravian Academy and possible one other school. Parkland, Whitehall, Pocono Mountain East and Southern Lehigh dropped us.
- Our fitness center is used regularly and not just by football players. However, there is still plenty of room when a team is there working out. We have weight room monitors Monday thru Thursday 2:30 - 4 PM. We have an equipment service agreement for three times a year.

- Mr. Spotts initiated a discussion allowing the Lehighton police officers access to our fitness center, perhaps in exchange for security coverage and also for the benefit of interaction with our students and the benefits of having the presence of officers in the building. This proposal was countered with a concern over the reaction of other public groups. It was then discussed that we could perhaps use them as a resource officer or go through SWPB for interaction. Will continue to research this possibility.