

Lehigh Area School District
Lehigh, Pennsylvania
Athletic Committee Minutes

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Attendees:

Steve Holland-Present
Larry Stern - Present
Wayne Wentz – Present
Thomas McCarroll – Present
Suzanne Howland -Absent
Kyle Spotts – Present
Mr. Jonathan Cleaver

Recording Secretary – Nancy Koch

Meeting started at 9:05 with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: Mr. David Bradley addressed the Chair/Director of the Committee in regard to the documents relating to today's meeting and the Agenda not being seen or posted for the public. He also asked who created the Agenda and if Mr. Wentz had the agenda in advance. Mr. Wentz did not create the Agenda but did have it last week. Mr. Cleaver stated the documents are available on the District website under Files & Documents. There were no comments to Mr. Bradley's questions in regard to the Sports Medicine proposal change. The Athletic Committee was unaware the sports medicine contract was being discussed the evening before at finance therefore they did not include it on their agenda.

Old Business: The Coaches Handbook is a brand new document, which was sent out and then presented at the March Athletic Committee meeting for review. Wayne Wentz made the motion, with a second from Steve Holland to recommend the Handbook go to the School Board for review/approval.

Also presented at the March Athletic Committee meeting for review was the Uniform Replacement Cycle. This cycle has been used for the past ten years and has worked well, therefore will continue to be used.

Winter Sports: Due to COVID 19, the student end of year awards for Boys and Girls Basketball and Wrestling were announced via the school's Athletic Twitter page on May 19th. Positive feedback was received afterwards.

Coaching Positions: Winter Coaches are: Trevor Miller, Boys Basketball; Joseph Berezwick, Girls Basketball and Floyd Brown, Wrestling. No concerns were addressed in regard to these positions. Due to Act 13, any future coaching positions are on hold for approval.

Athletics/Building Grounds: The grounds were set for Spring Sports, which are cancelled, therefore the crew is now in summer "mode" - mowing grass and preparing for seed and field projects.

Schuylkill League Update: Meetings were held on April 30th and May 7th via Zoom, which were their normal end of year Spring meetings. There were no concerns to address.

District XI Update: N/A – meeting was held via e-mail discussion. No significant changes.

PIAA Update: N/A – We are currently following Governors guidelines in regard to return to normal activities. As it stands now July 1st is the start date for PIAA activities, this is subject to change and Mr. Spotts will keep everyone updated if it is changed.

New Business:

Monthly Meetings: Athletic Committee meetings will now be held on a monthly basis instead of a bi-monthly basis. They will be held at 9 AM the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Decision was recommended for board approval by Steve and Wayne.

Spring Athletes: are being honored via Twitter. Seniors are being posted two a day during the week. The Art Department helped with the set up. The posts are getting great feedback.

Other Business – Mr. Holland asked if the Spring Coaches will still get paid? The answer is yes, as per Act 13.

Public Comment: Mr. Bradley stated the Sunshine Act, regarding public comment prior to making recommendations. Mr. Cleaver stated recommendations go to the School Board. Other issues stated by Mr. Bradley:

What changes were made to alleviate the hazing/assault issues?

Were student managers given keys to access buildings? Mr. Spotts replied No, they never did, but included the language in the handbook to prevent it from ever happening. Mr. Bradley asked under whose direction the change came from?

Again motion to hire wasn't made public

If PIAA can't start back up until July 1st, how can Graduation be held June 5th?

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 Motion by Wayne Wentz, second by Steve Holland