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Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Ad hoc Football-Sports Committee
Wednesday, June 14, 2023; 4:30 p.m.
Nonnewaug High School
Library Media Center

Present

Chris Matta, Chair
Carol Ann Brown
Chris Griffin

Absent

Michael Devine

Also Present

Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Declan Curtin, Athletic Director
Kyle Brennan, Baseball Coach
Patricia Paige, Recording Clerk

I. Call to order

Chris Matta called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

II. Review of the 2022/2023 Year

Director of Athletics Declan Curtin reported on the many 2022/2023 athletic recognitions, community events, and standings. Of particular note is the recent Baseball State Championship win, the first ever for the Nonnewaug Chiefs. Other significant recognitions include:

- Ray Marinko Award, Mallory Tomkalski
- Kolakowski Award, Maddie Danneoffer
- Region 7 Board Officials Sportsmanship Award, Girls Basketball
- WCSOA Bob Stirling Sportsmanship Award, Boys Soccer
- State Runner Up, Boys Tennis
- Tied the school record with 8 total championships (6 BL; CTC – Football; State Championship, Baseball)
- Ted Alex Winners (back-to-back recipients, highest win percentage combined with sportsmanship Ratings for all teams)
- Unified Sports, first alumni game in school history

Athletic community events included a breast cancer fundraiser, which raised over \$2500. The council also helped support Red Out fundraising efforts, provided workers for the *Dollars for Scholars Race* and took part in the CIAC's Student Athletic Advisory Board.

Athletic standings include 48 Berkshire League All-Stars and 11 All-State players including hockey and Lacrosse. Eleven student athletes have signed and committed to playing at the collegiate level.

Overall varsity school record is 208 wins, 83 losses, and 2 ties equating to a 71% win percentage across all sports.

Other items brought before the committee for discussion included:

Boys and Girls Lacrosse teams had a good start and ended on a good note; some initial travel concerns with the Girls team to Litchfield, which seemed to work themselves out.

A decision was made to hire a trainer on per diem basis for Lacrosse games at Nonnewaug if Litchfield is not able to send their trainer as stipulated in the Memorandum of Agreement.

Fundraisers will be occurring around town.

Requests for facility usage are on the rise with the new construction leading to potentially new responsibilities that did not exist previously; those will need to be identified and assigned.

One more year playing Litchfield and Wamogo separately, will then play combined as Region 20. Plans are to remain in the Berkshire league.

Many conversations were had during the course of the year regarding coaches having free access to players. CIAC is pushing for it, Superintendents are pushing back, Region 14 prefers a 3-sport athlete, will be difficult to sustain 1-sport athlete, not in favor.

There has been a request for Girls volleyball at the middle school. It is a Berkshire League sponsored sport and the only one not sponsored at the middle school. Looking to start it as a club.

Declan anticipates many more co-ops in Northwest Connecticut.

Baseball rings are designed, waiting for final artwork proof, will let parents know cost. Production time 8-10 weeks, unveiling in December.

The scoreboard is in the process of being built.

Faculty member John Dominello will be presenting the Condon/ McEneaney Ironman Award at the Board meeting on Monday.

III. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige

Board Clerk

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