

Mr. Rasmus called the Millville Area School District Co-Curricular Committee Meeting in the Millville Jr./Sr. High School Library to order at 6:42 p.m.

Those present in the library were Joseph Rasmus, William Berger, and Chelsea Rosenberger.

ATHLETIC PERSONNEL

- Mr. Rasmus began by discussing the fall 2023 Coaching staff, explaining that all head coaches were situated with the exception of Assistant Coaches. The sports for the fall season are as follows: Varsity Boys Soccer, Varsity Girls Soccer, Jr High Softball, Jr. High Football (Co-Op CC), Varsity/JV Field Hockey (Hosted by Benton). He explained that administration would be presenting all Fall Athletic coaches to the Board of Education for approval in June 2023.

PHYSICALS

- Then, Mr. Rasmus shared about athletic physicals taking place on June 1, 2023: 10AM-12:30 pm, adding that an all call would be disseminated later that week. He explained that these would be free of charge to all Millville student athletes.
- Additionally, Mr. Rasmus shared that physicals would be offered on August 1, 2023 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm for anyone still needing them.

FALL ATHLETICS

- Mr. Rasmus explained that the kick-off for fall sports would be Monday, August 14, 2023. Prior to that, on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm, there would be a Fall Player-Parent Pre-Season Meeting. This meeting would include an athletic overview with our Athletic Director, the High School Principal, and Athletic Trainer; Review Prioritized Topics from Athletic Handbook; Concussion Protocols; Athlete Safety; and Meet with Individual Coaches.
 - Mr. Rasmus shared that there has been great success with holding this meeting in the past, and it would give us a chance go over the handbook with athletes.

TRANSPORTATION

- Mr. Rasmus explained the need to provide transportation for Co-Op Athletic Programs consistently. He shared that currently, the MASD provides transportation for student athletes to the hosting school district. However, there is often no return transportation. In the fall, this issue was addressed. He shared his concern that the JV/V Girls Field Hockey Cooperative Team with Benton exceeded the number of students available for bus capacity. He believed that this needed to be addressed prior to the onset of the 2023-24 school year.
 - Mr. Rasmus explained that the district had 11 girls playing last year, however only nine could fit on the van. Therefore, students were allowed to drive themselves, but this practice is a liability concern and needs to be reexamined.
 - Mr. Berger agreed that this needed to be looked at and could not happen moving forward.
 - Mr. Rasmus answered that if there are too many students, the district may have to consider two vans instead. He added that it may not be a bad idea to talk to Mr. Rhinard about having two ready in preparation.

ATHLETIC UNIFORMS

- Mr. Rasmus then discussed the funding for 2023-24 Athletic Uniforms. He explained that the district previously budgeted for two sports per year. However, there were three sports in the rotation for the 2023-2024 school year (Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, and Cheerleading.) Mr. Rasmus explained that money in the athletic budget that was not expended for the 2022-2023 school year could be used.
- The Committee reviewed the proposed quotes for the uniforms and discussed the budget.

SIGNAGE

- Mr. Rasmus shared with the Committee that Athletic field/Court Identification and/or Directional signage was needed across district campuses because the district had received feedback from visiting teams that no one can find our fields. Ms. Verstraeten believed that there should be signage to help with this issue.
 - Mr. Berger agreed, adding that it may be a useful project for CMAVTS students.

DISTRICT FACILITY UPGRADES

- Mr. Rasmus discussed how the speaker on the “away” side of stadium does NOT function properly. Ms. Verstraeten shared that many spectators raised this issue, citing that it had been an issue for some time without being rectified.
- Additionally, Mr. Rasmus explained that the team benches needed to be re-painted.
- One other upgrade needed was the wireless scoreboard at the Baseball Field which had not been operating properly for the entire season.
 - Mr. Rasmus explained that this issue was also mentioned by Ms. Verstraeten, but it has been brought up at the board meetings as well. Mr. Adams had worked to fix this, but they needed to get some information on pricing. Also, the issue was not fully known.
 - Mr. Berger added that we should check on the warranty because he did not believe it was purchased that long ago.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB BUDGET

- Mr. Rasmus shared that the Athletic Association Booster club had submitted their budget and documentation to Ms. Holloway for yearly Title IX review, as per board policy. He added that this information was requested and submitted to Mrs. Holloway but has garnered some feedback.

SPECIAL THANKS

- Mr. Rasmus wanted to thank Mrs. Joanna Stanley and the Blue Quake organization for donating corner flag covers to the Millville Athletic Department. He added that after a recent JH Soccer Game, a PHAC Lead Official commented on the flag’s appearance in the game. Many Thanks to Ms. Stanley!

TOPICAL ITEMS

- Ms. Rosenberger shared that there has been discussion about offering sponsorships for advertising space on the district athletic fields.
 - Mr. Berger answered that this topic had been broached previously, but he believe it warranted a conversation with the whole Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rasmus adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Chelsea Rosenberger
Assistant Board Secretary