



MARCH 27, 2024 ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

03/27/2024 [06:00 PM-07:00 PM] @ Alice Schafer Annex Gym

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1. Opening of Meeting

Minutes

Mr. Hall opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Committee members present include Mr. Hall, Mr. Horne, Mr. Klink, Mr. Sperry, Mr. Vannoy, Mr. Pietroski, Mr. Messerall, Mr. Hans, Mr. Acklin and Mr. McCall.

2. Agenda

2.a. John Acklin Discussion

Minutes

Mr. Hall congratulated Mr. Acklin for his upcoming retirement and for his 50 years of service as Athletic Director.

Mr. Acklin reviewed some key points about the incoming, yet to be determined, athletic director. Specifically the importance of physicals, protocols and roosters, mandatory rules, team picture, banquet procedures, senior night, busing schedules, and more.

He also proposed a revision to the multiple forms needed to submit for board approval to approve head coaches, assistant coaches, new and returning and suggested a one and done form whereby applicant can check off what applies.

2.b. Forms for Coaches

Minutes

Mr. Acklin gave a brief rundown of a number of priority items his replacement will need to stress to coaches. He also provided a recommendation to change the coach supplemental form turned into the board for approval.

2.b.a. Volunteer

2.b.b. Assistant

2.b.c. Head Coach

2.c. Family Passes for home events

Minutes

Mr. Hall has reviewed the districts gate fees/costs and also had a parent approached him who paid \$350 this school year to watch his two kids play basketball. Therefore, he is recommending a \$50 all year pass for 2 adults to get into

games. This is any combination of 2 adults for the entire school year. He also proposed for Conneaut School District students to come for free in order to fill the seats at our home games.

Currently we have a senior price and he wants to add military/veterans for \$1/each. He also suggested all other adults pay \$6 and students outside of our schools 45/ticket. With making these changes the district will match Meadville ticket prices. So we will have a \$50 season pass, students free and seniors and veterans/military for \$1.

Mr. Hans appreciated opening these prices to the middle school. He feels there is something missing, we don't have the following we should. Mr. Horne appreciated the \$1 supporting military and veterans.

Mr. Hall then recommended taking to the full board in April.

2.c.a. Student

2.c.b. Gate Prices

2.d. Cheerleading

Minutes

The committee has been reviewing inconsistencies in the programs such as varsity fall basketball cheerleading and club for winter basketball cheerleading. The middle school is the reverse, fall club football and winter school sponsored basketball cheerleading. In order to build consistency with the entire sports program he is recommending having the job description for the high school to oversee all football and basketball. Just like a head coach, treat this program the same as we do the other sports programs. Example the head boys basketball coach oversees all the assistants in each building.

Also, winter cheer does not letter since it is a club sport. Making it a school sponsored sport they can now letter. The same for middle school cheer, they will report to the high school cheer advisor and principal. Mr. Horne supports treating the same as a sport with a person at the high school delegating down.

2.d.a. Addition of Varsity Basketball

2.e. Middle School Sports

Minutes

Since we are in process of consolidation, several sports are at both middle schools currently, basketball boys 7/8 grade and girls; volleyball 7/8 grade girls. Those are events two separate programs and teams at both locations. We are not permitted to maintain two at one school so now we have to combine into one team in each sport. That is a PIAA regulation, we are not allowed to practice at Lake and Valley in the same gym either. We had to be separate even though we are the same district, they are different schools. Mr. Hall is recommending also since there are a number of students in each of these middle school sports and since we are cutting down to one team each sport to also continue the intramural program. This will be specifically for the students who do not make the team. It will give them an opportunity to continue to develop and he hates to see the opportunities lost at the middle school since we are going from 40 players/two schools down to 20 players/one school.

Mr. Acklin reminded that the gyms get tied up with community events. Those may be more limited now due to availability.

The 5/6 grade boys and girls creates a bit more of a problem since 5th grade will move down to the elementary. It is open for discussion on how to do that, we can do the intramural route. Mr. McCall hopes to have 5th grade at each

school to keep the interest, Mr. Hans agreed. The plan would be to have them practice and play at the elementary school.

2.e.a. Football

Minutes

Mr. Hans asked since moving football games to CAMS next year he is hoping to have the games at the CAMS field to encourage a buy in for home field. We have lights and the bleachers we are in the process of being moved from Valley to Lake. These bleachers were purchased 2 years ago, we have locker rooms and have hosted varsity games there for many years before the high school consolidation.

Mr. Hall noted we are looking into the rebranding the school score board and encourages making games at CAMS a big deal. Mr. Hans also is hoping to incorporate some of the open house into the first home football game at CAMS, making it a big event also.

2.e.b. Basketball 7/8 Boys and Girls

2.e.c. Basketball 5/6 Boys and Girls

2.e.d. Volleyball Girls 7/8

2.e.e. Volleyball Girls 5/6

2.f. Job Description for Athletic Director and Assistants

Minutes

Mr. Hall asked the committee to review the proposed revisions for the head athletic director.

As far as the assistant athletic director the change is one middle school assistant reports to the middle school principal and head athletic director. Mr. Hans appreciates continuing the assistant athletic director at the middle school as it is a lot of responsibility. Mr. Acklin noted we have 17 varsity sports. Mr. Horne asked if a person can be a teacher and be the athletic director, Mr. Acklin responded it is up to the school board.

2.g. Miscellaneous, any additional items

Minutes

Mr. Hall stated there was a demonstration this week at the facilities committee of Turf Tank. Which is an automatic line painting machine. Currently Mr. Acklin paints every line for the fields, so the cost for paint and his fee to paint versus this leased tank is almost a complete wash. We can program all of our fields and it goes out and paints. The stadium end zones, CASH eagles as well once programmed. This is a recommendation to the board and it can go to middle school too. It runs on the we field s well. It does not use aerosol but actual paint which is less expensive. The maintenance department is responsible for this.

It can paint the soccer lines in 17 minutes and football in 4 hours and uses 5 gallons of paint versus Mr. Acklin spending 3 ½ hours himself.

Mr. Hall is looking top put a meeting for NCA Clearing House if any student is sent to Division 1 or Division 2. NCA has different requirements in classes to be eligible in sports. Currently it is passing through guidance but may in the fall be for incoming 8th graders. We want to start to look at that if a student/player is going to be considered for Division 1 or 2. We can do an informational open meeting about it.

2.h. Public Comment

Minutes

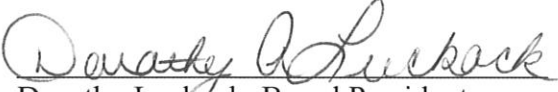
Mr. Hall announced public comment. The following individuals commented to the Committee.

Amanda Scott, Jerrod Wilson, Jen Klink, Sonny Brady, Wes Gerber, Greg Dinsmore, Sarah Kelly, Mike Carr and Jenel Burger.

2.i. Adjournment

Minutes

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.


Dorothy Luckock, Board President


Christine Krankota, Board Secretary