

Athletic Committee Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2025

4:45 p.m.

Members Present: Frank Ryan, Natalie Perez, Gerald Conn, David Tannehill, Terry Bender

Administration Present: Christopher Shilk, Dr. Nicole Dice

Others: Ashley Nichols

1. Girls' Basketball Coaches

Matt Younkin and Shannon Smitley were present and gave a recap of their 2024-2025 season. The team record was 13-9 overall and 4-2 in the WestPAC along with being WestPAC Runner Up. The team finished the season first in District V rankings and hosted their first playoff game. There were numerous Athletes of the Week nominations in local media, players on the All-star game team, and Coach Younkin was asked to coach the All-star game this year. As far as equipment, Coach Younkin recommended purchasing defensive dummies to help with practices. Coach Younkin does not plan to return as the head coach next season but offered to volunteer however needed. Coach Smitley stated she intends to return in a coaching capacity next season. The committee thanked Coach Younkin for all his years of coaching and thanked both coaches for a great season.

2. Boys' Basketball Coaches

Eric Swank and Derrick Megown were present and gave a summary of their season which included a District V Title, a round 1 PIAA State Playoff Game win, and a hard-fought second round loss in the second round. Coach Swank stated pride in the team's efforts and hard work this season along with the historic accomplishments of the season. The team needs some basketballs for next season but no other equipment needs were expressed at the meeting. Coach Swank plans to return as head coach next season. Coach Megown plans to return to help with Varsity in some capacity but is unsure if he will return as junior high coach. He will notify the district office once he decides. The coaching staff plans to visit Salisbury High School to gauge interest in any athletes planning to play on the team next season.

3. Cheerleading Coaches

Laura Shroyer and Savannah Miller were present for the meeting to discuss the junior high, varsity, and competitive cheer season. Coach Shroyer noted the positive morale with the squad cheering in competition with other smaller squads and asked about potentially hosting a cheer

competition at Turkeyfoot School next season. To host a competition the team needs a total of 9 mats, which would require the purchase of 4 to 5 mats. Frank Ryan commented for someone to contact the athletic boosters to see if they would be willing to purchase the additional mats needed for a competition. The coaches stated a great amount of kids for the youth cheer camp again this year and both coaches plan to return next season.

4. Uniform Rotation/Ordering

Ashley Nichols reviewed the uniform rotation and stated that girls' basketball is due for new uniforms next year with junior high basketball due the following year. Dr. Dice suggested asking Coach Younkin to help get the uniforms ordered in the next few months so they are ordered for the season next year. There was discussion about ordering and it was agreed that working Sportsman's to get measurements and uniform options will be the next step.

5. Cyber/Charter School Athletes

Dr. Dice stated that we currently summarize costs for each sport for cyber schools but other schools are setting standard fees which would be less time spent by the business office staff. The committee asked Dr. Dice to get updated information from the county schools to see what is being charged for the committee to discuss again in the spring.

6. Other Discussion

Ashley Nichols stated that she contacted Middle Creek Golf Course and is waiting to get in contact again once they open to discuss potential of golfing there in 2025-2026 if we begin a golf team. It was discussed that if the district began a golf team it would be co-ed and working with the closest golf course possible is ideal.

Frank Ryan commented on a need to raise coaching and athletic director pays and discussion was had about the budgeting that led to the current wages.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.