

**MINUTES**  
**ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**March 3, 2014**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Patricia May, Frank Ryan, Terry Grove, Terry Bender (arrived at 6:10), Julie Custer (arrived at 6:10 pm and left at 8:35 pm), Tara Holliday (left at 8:30 pm)

**Administration Present:** Principal Jeff Malaspino and Superintendent Darlene Pritt

**Staff Present:** Gerald Conn

**Others:**

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**1. Coach meetings: basketball, rifle and cheer**

Discussion was held with girls basketball coaches. The coaches felt the season could have been better. Alisa is not sure at this time if she will return next season. There were too many problems with parents and other team mates. Open gym was not successful for the girls' varsity team however the junior high team took advantage of the open gym. Felt the Christmas tournament could be dropped. Summer league was offered but will the girls go is the question. Junior high girls could attend if the interest is there. Melinda Appleby would prefer to coach Junior Varsity, which is \$1000 instead of coaching Junior High which is \$1500, but doesn't want to give up the financial side. Asked if salary for Junior Varsity could be \$1250, it is a longer season so she feels it would be fair. Boosters will pay for summer tournament if the interest is there.

Alisa brought up concerns about Softball in regards to her not being able to be present for warm-ups due to her work schedule. So far 10 players are on the roster with a schedule of 14 games.

Discussion was held with the boys basketball coaches. Felt the group of boys had more potential than they gave. They need to come together instead of working for themselves. Bill Cooney was disappointed with some of the seniors and the attitudes. Players had the talent but attitudes brought them down. Varsity season started out well but couldn't hold it together. Complaints were mainly discipline from the older group. The coaches have plans of making the boys sit out if problems continue. Practices were fine and the boys did what they were told but lost it during the games. Improvements have been noticed by the coaches, administration and committee with the thought that it will continue. No issues with junior varsity, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders coming along well. Both coaches would like to return next year and are very confident it will be a good year. Boosters will pay for summer tournament if the interest is there.

Discussion was held with the cheerleading coaches. Deneane thought this season went very well, no discipline problems or drama. Deneane and Gerri were very pleased with the treatment the cheerleaders received from Bill, Dave and the boys' basketball team. The girls went to 4 away games, 2 pep rallies, 6 girls' games and 11 boys' games. We received lots of compliments from other school districts. Both coaches would like to return next year. So far 12 girls will be returning next year. Mats are working out well but storage is an issue; is the storage room in the band room an option? Damage is occurring due to kids climbing on them.

Discussion was held with the rifle coach. Tim Rugg felt the season was good. Only 3 seniors returned but the freshmen shot very well, 2 lettered this year. First match was 1006 but finished it up with 1115. Scores continued to improve throughout the season. Behaviors were good and all understand the safety aspect of the sport. Mr. Rugg felt being the range safety officer and coaching at the same time is very difficult. The ideal situation would be to hire an assistant coach. As of now, looks like all members will be returning, approximately 8-9. Items needed are: a few larger coats and pants, site extensions for the rifles (S&S Sport Shop in Rockwood), at least 5000 rounds of ammo needed. He would like to see a range locally for the team to practice all year.

## **2. Baseball uniform purchase per rotation**

24 uniforms need to be purchased in the fall for next year's season. Discounts are offered early in the year, the longer you wait, the less the discount. Standard pants are fairly cheap, approximately \$50. Jerseys can be anywhere from \$75 to \$150. First order; which will be approximately \$3000; is typically matching pants and jersey, then cheaper replacement pants are filtered in. Samples will be provided at the April board meeting.

## **3. Competitive Cheer**

Competitive cheer was discussed and options are being looked in to. PIAA needs to be notified by August if we want to participate in competitive cheer.

## **4. Athletic parent meeting changes**

Discussion was held in regards to having one parent meeting for the duration of the student's athletic career or a sign-off sheet for parents to say they have read the policy, unless major changes affect the policy. Mr. Malaspino feels these meetings have helped a great deal. Coaches could have a meeting with the parents at the first practice to go over the season and the expectations of the athlete and parents. Mr. Malaspino will make the necessary changes to the policy and bring for approval.

## **5. 2014-2015 Junior High and Varsity Basketball Schedules**

WestPAC has adopted a new junior high schedule. Turkeyfoot was the school opposing the new schedule. Mr. Conn and Mr. Malaspino have been asking for uniform start time for these games without cooperation. A lot of schools are running multiple busses so the kids aren't at the school so long. An example is junior high

game starts 4:00, junior varsity game at 6:00 and varsity would start at 7:00. The kids playing any of these games would be at all the games because of riding one bus. Mr. Conn is trying his best to work this tangled mess out.

Discussion was held regarding charging admission for junior high games beginning next year to make the admission \$3 for adult and \$1 for student. Pay to get in regardless if you have school colors on or not. No more freebies for students. Continue the golden pass for senior citizens and no charge for staff. Consider handing out free tickets to students for good behavior. Our current rate for JV and Varsity is \$3 for adult and \$2 for student. Keep the price the same for next year regardless how many games a guest stays for.

## **6. Support help pay on triple header basketball games**

Support pay is set per night, not per game.

Current pay: \$25 for clock keeper,

\$20 for security

\$15 for ticket taker

Would like to see it increase to:

Double header: \$30 for clock keeper

\$25 for security

\$15 for ticket taker

Triple header: \$45 for clock keeper

\$30 for security

\$22 for ticket taker

## **7. Pitching machine**

Pitching machine is not being utilized. It is very hard to move and will put scratches on the floor. Doug has a tarp that will easily cover the floor. Discussion was held to store the batting cage in the band room.

## **8. MRS Physical Therapy**

Josh Kinsinger is asking if we are interested in an athletic trainer for spring sports. They will provide the service at a lower rate. Committee made the suggestion to put on the agenda for approval. Having a trainer would be beneficial to our athletes.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.**