

Plum Borough School District

Athletic Committee Minutes

DATE: August 9, 2011

TIME: 8:26 pm (following the Education Committee Meeting)

PLACE: High School Administrative Conference Room

PURPOSE: Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom McGough, Chairperson
Shane McMasters

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sal Colella, Kevin Dowdell, Andrew Drake, Rose McGuirk, Loretta White

SOLICITOR PRESENT: No

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Lillian Naccarati, Dr. Tim Glasspool, Bob Alpino, Jeff Wolfe

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Ionta, Jim McGrath, Frank Sacco, Carl Vollmer, Carissa Whitney, Jenna Luptak, Kory Flaherty, Shannon Newmaster, Maria D'Ascenzo, Mike Supak

CITIZENS PRESENT: 7

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

Agenda Action Items:

Slow Pitch Softball - Mr. Alpino shared the organizational history of the Western PA Slow Pitch Softball organization and the recent legislative changes at the PIAA that now permits slow pitch softball at the high school level. There are presently 4 - 5 high schools recognizing slow pitch softball as a club sport and many others are considering adding this sport at the high school club level. Mr. Marty DeGore, a PBAA slow pitch softball coach, was also present and has been active in promoting slow pitch softball. He has been working with this organization and attended several of their meetings. A motion was made to add slow pitch softball as a club sport at the senior high school beginning in the fall of 2012. Marty indicated we needed this time to organize before entering a team in the league. The motion will be forwarded to the August school board meeting. More details on the program will be shared in the future, as they become available.

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Agenda Discussion Items:

High School Track Resurfacing – Mr. Alpino noted that the high school track is in need of resurfacing. Mr. Ionta and Mr. Alpino noted that the track is 10 years old and needs resurfaced before it deteriorates to the point that it needs to be completely replaced. Mr. Alpino will survey other local schools to attempt to find a local track resurfacing company and schedule a visit for them to evaluate our track surface and obtain a recommendation on the condition and timing of the resurfacing.

Review PBSD coaching position totals by sport - Mr. Alpino shared the results of a survey he conducted at the request of the board (handout) on numbers of coaching staff positions. 22 of 33 Quad A schools surveyed responded to the survey. The survey compiled results of paid coaches at the JV and varsity level and was broken down by varsity sports in descending/alpha rank order by numbers of total coaches. Coach Ionta, head boys and girls cross country coach, and head boys and girls track coach, spoke on behalf of the coaches on the important role of the athletic programs. He shared statistics on the academic success of our athletes and scholarships awarded. There was follow-up discussion among the board and coaches on the role of athletics and also on the district's budget.

Agenda Information Items:

Request to use PBSD hydraulic lift for video of football games - A request was made from varsity football for use of the district's hydraulic lift for filming purposes for the 2011 home varsity football games. The end zone camera angle will be required for the team's video exchange by the Quad A football association beginning next season. The committee approved the request, but asked Mr. Alpino to check with our insurance company to see if there were any insurance issues.

None

(If applicable) Committee Recommendation:

Committee Minutes by: Bob Alpino

Adjournment: 9:24 pm