

Plum Borough School District

Athletic Committee Minutes

DATE: August 6, 2013

TIME: 6:00 pm

PLACE: Plum High School Board Room

PURPOSE: Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: John St. Leger, Chairperson, Joe Tommarello

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sal Colella, Kevin Dowdell, Andrew Drake, Loretta White, Richard Zucco

SOLICITOR PRESENT: No

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Rossi, Bob Alpino, Ryan Kociela, Joe Fishell

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Nick Oto, track coach

CITIZENS PRESENT: Chaz Casile, Tom Wesolowski

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Mr. Oto shared his idea of holding flea markets at the high school and/or junior high as a fund raiser for the track team. Some would be held indoors and some outdoors depending on the season. A question was raised if it could be done on Sundays, and it was determined that Policy 707 would prohibit this at this time. The committee was receptive to the idea, but Mr. Oto was asked to develop a detailed proposal for the board to review.

Agenda Action Items:

Agenda Discussion Items:

1. Lacrosse program – Mr. Alpino gave a brief background of the program and of the previous presentation at the spring athletic committee meeting. The newly formed community group experienced difficulty this past season in scheduling, because they could not play other school sponsored teams. Mr. Casile spoke about the success of the program this past season with over 100 participants. There were 20 high school boys and 10 high school girls participating. Mr. Wesolowski spoke of the importance of being affiliated with a school program as opposed to a community program in the college recruiting process. The representatives asked the committee to consider adding the teams as a school sponsored team and they would provide the necessary funding. Mr. Alpino shared what the impact would be in terms of rules and regulations that would need to be followed if the lacrosse team was a PIAA/WPIAL team. After much discussion, the committee will recommend that the boys and girls lacrosse teams be recognized as a varsity

sport beginning with the spring 2014 season. Transportation to away games will be provided by PBSB and will be the only funding the team receives for the 2013-14 season. Mr. Alpino will assist in securing a schedule for the teams. The teams will practice and play games at Larry Mills Park and Ross Hollow Fields.

2. Review Interscholastic Athletic Policy 123 – this policy was previously discussed at a Policy Committee meeting and was also provided for review at this meeting.

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Agenda Information Items:

Mr. Dowdell suggested a link be added to our district's web site for those who may be interested in making a donation to support a specific area – athletics, music, scholarship or other. Mr. Rossi will check with the district's solicitor and Mr. Rossi and Mr. Alpino will follow-up on the possibility of implementing this web link.

Mr. Alpino indicated the Pivik soccer practice field will not be used for the first day of practice on August 12th. Mr. Palumbo suggested that the field not be used until next spring, rocks and other debris have surfaced that need to be removed.

(If applicable) Committee Recommendation:

Committee Minutes by: Bob Alpino

Adjournment: 6:41 pm