

Plum Borough School District

Athletic Committee Minutes

DATE: February 15, 2012

TIME: 8:45 pm

PLACE: High School Board Room

PURPOSE: Regular Meeting

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sal Colella, Shane McMasters, Andrew Drake, Loretta White, Richard Zucco

SOLICITOR PRESENT: No

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Tim Glasspool, Guy Rossi, Gene Marraccini, Mike Brewer, Bob Alpino, Cindy Vento

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

CITIZENS PRESENT: 1

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

Agenda Action Items:

Agenda Discussion Items:

Plum spring softball season – Mr. Alpino indicated he has been in contact with borough officials regarding the continued use of fields 6, 7 and 8 by the district's 9th grade baseball team and the junior high, JV and varsity softball teams. Game schedules have been provided to the borough and Mr. Alpino has been in contact with Mr. Bob Sekerka from the PBSA group. Mr. Sekerka is coordinating the permits for the field usage.

Practice soccer field site 2012 fall season – Mr. Alpino provided a recap of the fields used for practices by the junior high and senior high this past fall season. The play area on the hill above Pivik is large enough for a soccer field. Per Mr. Russo, there is sufficient top soil on site, storage may be available in the school with access from the rear of the building. There is an access road to the gas well that could be utilized. The board was unsure if a parking area would be provided for and we will revisit when parking availability at the school is determined. Fencing would be required around the perimeter and the board

requests that Mr. Russo provide details on requirements and cost. To be usable in August, the area would need to be seeded in the spring.

Activity fee discussion - Mr. Alpino provided a review of the district's activity fee from 2006-07 and 2008-09. The fee was \$50 per student with a cap of \$150 per family and generated approximately \$44,000 each year. Administrators met and reviewed activity fees from other districts. The administrators suggested a plan for board consideration of a \$75 per student fee with a family cap of \$225. A possible fund raising opportunity was suggested to assist students in paying the fee. Mr. Drake indicated that the district should not be involved in fundraising and the booster clubs could become involved to assist in paying all or a portion of the fees. Several board members indicated that there should be an allowance for hardship cases unable to pay the fees. Dr. Glasspool asked the board if they supported an activity fee and there was support of 5 board members. Mr. Drake and Mr. McMasters indicated they wanted the fee to be pro-rated based on the cost of the activity. Coach Ionta expressed concerns of students not participating in activities because they may be unable to afford the activity fees and overall participation in extra-curricular activities would be negatively affected. The board asked the administration to prepare other options for them to consider.

Review tentative 2012-13 athletic budget - The tentative pre-bid budget summary was presented as well as a listing of the larger budget items. Cost saving means were shared – not playing the maximum number of contests permitted, playing double header basketball games, one way bus trips (drop-off only), etc. The equipment and supplies budget has decreased over the years as the officials, athletic training budget and other costs have continued to increase.

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Agenda Information Items:

None

(If applicable) Committee Recommendation:

Committee Minutes by: Bob Alpino

Adjournment: 9:20 pm