

Plum Borough School District

Athletic Committee Minutes

DATE: May 15, 2012

TIME: 8:18 pm

PLACE: High School Board Room

PURPOSE: Regular Meeting

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

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

SOLICITOR PRESENT: Yes, Lee Price

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Proviano, Bernie Pucka

CITIZENS PRESENT:

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

Agenda Action Items:

1. Approval of athletic equipment and supplies bids for 2012-13 – summary of bids by vendor for HS and AEO provided. This will be moved to board meeting agenda for approval.
2. Acceptance of gift for sponsorship of softball batting cage – East Suburban Sports Medicine Center will provide a gift to the district of \$6,000, to be paid over the next year, to assist with the construction of a batting cage, including power at the new softball field at the high school. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$11,000. Mr. Russo indicated there will be some funds remaining in the field construction budget to apply to this project. Mr. Alpino thanked Angelo Tardio and John Bonarati for their generosity in assisting with this project. This will be moved to the board meeting agenda for approval.

Agenda Discussion Items:

Girls freshman basketball team – Mr. Alpino and Mr. Pucka discussed the current status of 9th grade basketball in the WPIAL and the Plum girls basketball program. The WPIAL no longer provides schedules for 9th grade girls basketball due to the few number of schools sponsoring teams. Last year 8 schools requested schedules, Norwin and Hempfield dropped their teams after Mr. Alpino and the AD from North Allegheny provided a schedule. Highlands athletic director anticipates they will not field a ninth grade girls basketball team next season, reducing the number to 4 potential opponents from WPIAL schools. Mr. Pucka indicated there were 11 girls on the 9th grade team last year and he has heard that only 1-2 may play next year. There are also 11-13 girls that will be freshman that may play next year and he has 12 girls returning from the varsity/JV roster. He indicated he could incorporate all of them into the JV/varsity program and would not have to make any cuts. The board suggested that we leave the program in the budget and see if any more schools add 9th grade programs next year. This will also provide time to see how many girls intend to play basketball at Plum.

Activity fee – the board set the fee at the most recent finance meeting at \$50. Mr. Alpino suggested other details to include a \$200 per family cap for combined activity and club fees. Waivers should be provided for those qualifying for free lunches and the fee reduced to half for those qualifying for reduced lunches. Confidentiality must be maintained. A suggested list of fee based activities and a partial list of fee based clubs was provided for board review. Mr. Alpino added that if the activity fee is added, details will be posted on the PBSB web site, included in the student handbook and possibly combined with another mailing to students.

Inline hockey – this group wished to remain independent for this year rather than be acknowledged as a school organization. They will review in the future.

Agenda Information Items:

Online Spirit Store – Mr. Alpino mentioned that Rudy Seneca from Plum, and a representative from Sol's of Ambridge, will provide a proposal for the online store. This idea was approved by the board but a contract was not formalized with a vendor. We hope to have this up and running by the fall. A formal proposal from Sol's will be submitted to the district for review and approval.

Dick's Sporting Goods Gift Card – Mr. Alpino mentioned that a photo taken by a photographer from Murrysville from the Plum girl's basketball game vs. Franklin Regional will be featured on a basketball themed gift card in all Dick's stores in the country. He circulated a copy of what the gift card will look like.

(If applicable) Committee Recommendation:

Committee Minutes by: Bob Alpino

Adjournment: 8:46 pm