



New Hope-Solebury School District
Athletics and Student Activities Committee Meeting Minutes
10/6/16, 6:00 PM
UES LGI Room

Attendance

- **School Board** – Mark Cowell, Sandy Weisbrot
- **Administration** – Ernie Rehr, Chuck Malone
- **Committee Members** – Mel Band, Jill Arslanian, Stacey Mardirossian
- **Presenters** - None
- **Public** – Shannon Meyers, Allison Campbell, Joanne Reszka, Perry Zimmerman, Katherine Zimmerman, Pete Meyers, Denise Krase

The meeting was called to order by Sandy Weisbrot at 6:02 p.m.

Review of minutes from 8/11/16 - Approved by the committee.

Old Business

- Update on Fall Athletics and upcoming events
 - Mr. Rehr spoke to the success of the programs
- Field Usage
 - Addressed the need to discuss in “new business”
 - Mr. Rehr brought up the new software program being used to reserve fields and facilities (Alphacity)
 - Community member pointed out that she has not received confirmation on a reservation
 - Mr. Rehr said he will discuss with the company
- Communication from Athletics Department
 - Spoke briefly about the use of Twitter
 - Community comment about the desire for updated scores and create a better website
 - One member sited frustration with the digital sports website and suggested collecting \$3 from each parent to hire a firm to create a website
 - Mr. Rehr sited that cost of a website is a factor
 - Mr. Band requested adding scores to the website

- Mr. Rehr stated that he recognizes the issue and would like to speak to IT about addressing this concern
- Global Improvements: establishing a Vision and Goals
 - Mr. Rehr again addressed the need to speak to this in “new business”

New Business

- Scheduling and the BAL
 - Mr. Rehr addressed the unique nature of the BAL and scheduling a school of our size
 - The issue of junior varsity sports was also addressed and the complexity of adding JV games when so many BAL teams do not have JV programs
 - Mr. Rehr explained some of the interactions
 - Community member asked about winter sports schedule and the confidence in the schedule
 - Mr. Rehr’s response was that he did very little winter scheduling (as it was scheduled by the pervious AD) and is still not 100% confident but is working on confirming as much as possible with coaches and opponents
 - Community member asked about playing other 9th grade teams
- Discussion of Friday night game conflicts
 - Discussion about the uniqueness of the programs offered at New Hope-Solebury School District with relation to our size.
 - Mr. Zimmerman spoke to his frustration with the use of the stadium on Friday night and the lack non-football games on Friday nights – he believes there should be equitable destitution of Friday night games
 - Mr. Rehr mentioned that this would guarantee the playing of football games on Saturday
 - The idea brought up by community member was to have a schedule that gave each team two Friday night games
 - Mr. Malone ended the discussion with the administration looking into the possibility of such a schedule
- A Global Vision and goals
 - Mr. Rehr insisted that as a community we need to establish a vision and unify together
 - What do we want NHS School District athletics to look like?
 - The idea of bringing booster clubs together for common cause was raised
 - Potential development of a taskforce to create vision and goals for athletics
- The Culture of athletics at New Hope-Solebury School District

- Conversation on the dichotomy of the current culture: Split between participation and competition
- Mr. Rehr mentioned the divisiveness between certain groups
 - Mrs. Weisbrot mentioned that she does not remember it being this way and wants to make it more unified

Public Comment

- Mr. Band asked about the music trip fund raising
 - A parent of a band member responded to the comment by stating that each member can fundraise and pay the balance or decide not to go on the trip
- Nolan C, student government representative made announcements about events: Homecoming Week is October 17-22, Fall Fest is the afternoon of October 22nd

Adjournment

Mrs. Weisbrot adjourned the meeting at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernie Rehr
Athletic Director and Assistant Principal for MS/HS