



New Hope-Solebury School District
Athletics and Student Activities Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2016
District Office Conference Room

Attendance

- **School Board** – Sandy Weisbrot (Chair), Mark Cowell
- **Administration** – Ted Harrington, and Charles Malone
- **Committee Members** – Jill Arslanian, Stacey Mardirossian, Melvin Band, Anthony Lagana

Meeting was called to order at 7:36PM by Sandy Weisbrot.

Melvin Band indicated he was recording the meeting.

Old Business

- Mr. Band suggested an amendment to the draft minutes from the 1/14/16 meeting. These amendments and the minutes from the 1/14/16 meeting were approved.
- Mr. Malone introduced Anthony Lagana as a member of the committee and stated a female student would also be joining the group

New Business

- Mr. Harrington gave a winter sports update including hosting the BAL Competitive Spirit Championships, the Boys Basketball Team, the BAL Champion 19-1 Girls Basketball Team, the Wrestling Team was competing for a District Team Championship and the Winter Track and Field Team
- Mr. Harrington gave a presentation on Title IX, the 3 prongs that one must aim to comply with at least one of in order to be in compliance, our 2014-15 HS enrollment numbers, our 2014-15 HS participation numbers, and other factors that impact Title IX in athletics
- Mr. Band spoke about number of games in a smaller amount of time and a survey of coaches and parents from 2013
- Anthony Lagana and Mrs. Arslanian spoke about the rigors of training and that practices days can often be tougher than game days

- Mr. Harrington spoke of why games are moved due to weather and other reasons and sometimes the end of seasons can become more crowded as a result.
- Mrs. Arslanian spoke about field usage related to stadium and night games
- Mr. Band spoke about field hockey, their specific needs and the stadium field
- Mr. Band spoke of the teachers' contract with comments about ticket takers and timers and whether the district could use non-teaching staff when there were no teachers available to take the position. Mr. Band was looking for a cost savings as a result of using volunteers for these events. Mr. Harrington stated he would look into this.
- Mr. Cowell spoke of a subcommittee that was being formed by Mr. Capriotti regarding Title IX and the stadium field. He suggested that this should be connected to the Athletics and Student Activities Committee and that Mrs. Weisbrot, Mr. Harrington, and at least one student should be a part of this subcommittee. Mr. Harrington stated he would follow-up with Mr. Capriotti about this.
- Mrs. Mardirossian and Mrs. Arslanian stated that a pep rally of sorts, where students, coaches and club advisors could recruit new members for their teams and clubs, would be a good idea. Anthony Lagana said he would look into this and the possibility of National Honor Society hosting something.
- Mr. Band spoke about the FBLA trip and costs if FBLA books the trip as opposed to booking the trip without FBLA. Mrs. Arslanian shared a spreadsheet that she put together with a cost breakdown of different options showing a nominal savings by booking alone (about \$20 per person) but that the group would not have the use of the busses that FBLA provides between the hotel and the conference and event venue. Mr. Band asked for the link with this information and Mrs. Arslanian stated that she would share it.
- Mr. Malone moved to push the presentation on Athletic Equipment Condition and Replacement to the next meeting.

Public comment:

- None

Sandy Weisbrot adjourned the meeting at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Harrington
Director of Athletics and Student Activities