

HCSD Board Members:

Brian Lynch, Pres., Michael Buck, VP, Rose Apgar, Mark Brinthaup, Mary Anne Holleran, James Jacobus, John Lively, Ruth Miller, Pamela Strollo, and Student Rep. Daniel Strack

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Ralph Marino, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent
Alice Learn, Assistant Superintendent
Judy Christiansen, Human Resources, Dir.
Kim Williams, Student Servs. Director

**HORSEHEADS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Committee Meeting

**NOV. 8, 2010, 4:00 P.M.
Educational Support Training Center**

Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Mr. Lively, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **IN ATTENDANCE -**

Jim Jacobus, John Lively (chair), Ralph Marino, Jr., Ruth Miller, Pam Strollo, Scott Williams, and 7-8 community members

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3. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3.1 Athletic Code of Conduct – revisions

Mr. Williams provided a short recap of the September code violations, investigation, suspensions, and appeals. Mr. Lively proposed and other members supported a change in the wording that would codify a 24-hour grace period for students to admit participation in a prohibited activity and thereby be eligible for a reduced suspension (5 instead of 10 weeks).

Mr. Lively then asked for input on the fact that as the Code of Conduct currently stands, students with 5-week suspensions must attend drug & alcohol counseling, while those receiving 10 week suspensions do not. Discussion ensued whether the code should be amended to require the same counseling for those receiving 10 weeks, with a majority supporting the change.

Decision was made that Mr. Williams will seek input on these and other possible changes to the code from coaches and the parent advisory committee. Plan is to have final proposed changes before the committee by January meeting, then to Policy committee for action in February, and before the full board in March.

3.2 Injury reporting – continuation of discussion from prior meetings

Based on feedback from other board members, Mr. Lively asked that Mr. Williams if he would amend his injury report to show 'suspected concussions' and 'confirmed concussions' for the '09-10 year.

Mr. Williams then related that he called a number of other area districts and found that while many keep injury statistics, virtually none of them report them to either the school board or administration. He also said that Ithaca has a contract with a third party provider for concussion tracking and management services, at a cost of \$5500/year. The committee asked if Mr. Williams could provide additional information on this for the next meeting.

Mr. Williams also noted that a helmet requirement for girl's lacrosse is being discussed at the state level. If approved by a majority of athletic leagues across the state, the new requirement would go into effect for the 2012 season.

4. GOOD OF THE ORDER - none

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

6. ADJOURNMENT – meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM. (Ms. Strollo moved with Mr. Jacobus seconding.)

UPCOMING meeting schedule for the Athletics and Extracurricular Committee:

January 11, 2011 (5 PM); March 15, 2011 (5 PM); May 10, 2011 (5 PM). Location: TBD.

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c: Brian Lynch, Mike Buck, Ralph Marino, Jr., Judy Christiansen, and Susan Pirozzolo