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**HORSEHEADS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Athletic & Extra-Curricular Committee  
May 2, 2016  
Superintendent's Conference Room**

**Minutes**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** **Karen Boulas, Chair**  
The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm
  
2. **ROLL CALL OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE** **Karen Boulas**  
Karen Boulas, Kristine Dale, Doug Johnson, Pam Strollo, Bert Conklin, Dr. Thomas J. Douglas  
Also in Attendance: Crissie Russo
  
3. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - 3.1 Future of boys Volleyball at Horseheads
    - 3.1a Boys volleyball added in 2008 in response to concerns with boys playing on the girls' volleyball team
    - 3.1b Feedback form the state on boys playing on the girls volleyball team
      - 3.1b1 State Association, Todd Nelson, tells us if there is any adverse effect from a boy playing on the team, the boy could be denied playing on the girls' team. The Superintendent makes the decision.
        - 3.1b1a Examples adverse effect; girls cut or the team as an advantage over other teams
    - 3.1c Concerns
      - 3.1c1 Horseheads only team in Section IV with a boys' volleyball team
      - 3.1c2 The amount of travel - all but 2 home games are played in Syracuse
        - 3.1c2a Not healthy - athletes being pushed with little sleep
        - 3.1c2b Student being pulled away from classes
      - 3.1c3 We do not have a feeder program for this sport
        - 3.1c3a No draw
        - 3.1c3b Difficult finding qualified coaching
        - 3.1c3c We do not have a JV team
      - 3.1c4 Safety
        - 3.1b4a Our freshman and sophomore athletes play against upper level skilled athletes
      - 3.1c5 Affordability
      - 3.1c6 Difficult to create the game schedule because we're not sure will have enough athletes to field a team
    - 3.1d Dropping the boys volleyball program will keep us in compliance with Title IX
    - 3.1e Crissie Russo, past coach, recommends not to proceed with boys' volleyball
      - 3.1e1 Intramurals could be an alternative
    - 3.1f Next steps (We need a decision by June):
      - 3.1f1 Research exposure to risk of being sued if eliminating an opportunity
      - 3.1f2 Talk with parents on circumstances
      - 3.1f3 Athletic Director submits a resolution
  
  - 3.2 Letter of intent celebrations
    - 3.2a New process – NJCAA have letters of intent now
    - 3.2b Other high schools in our area only celebrate Division I and II letters signed

- 3.2c Look into away to recognize all. Need a balance and procedure
- 3.2d Difficult to distinguish by level
- 3.2e Suggestion to recognize at Senior Award Night
- 3.2f Difficult to rely on students to self-report

4. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

4.1 POV

4.1a Looking at options for track

4.1b If we require an event, we have to make sure no students are denied the opportunity to go to the event

4.1c Focus on best interest and safety for all

4.1d If coaches transport athletes, they need to have a certified drivers licenses.

4.2 The Family Id Software program is working

4.3 APP calendar set for upcoming year

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:27pm

**UPCOMING 2015-16 Athletic & Extra-Curricular Committee Meetings:**  
6/6/16