

ASHLEY/WISHEK JOINT BOARD CO-OP MEETING -- MARCH 19, 2018

The Ashley and Wishek school boards held a joint meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 6:33pm in the Ashley school library. Present: Gwyn Schumacher, Lyle Fey, Kevin Nitschke, Trisha Schneider (Ashley SB), Melissa Wolf, Bruce Herr, Curt Meidinger, Dynette Ketterling (Wishek SB), Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter, Shawn Kuntz, Josh Hoffman, *Jeremy St. Aubin (6:37), *Kary Lindgren (6:50). Absent: Ross Litsey (Ashley SB) and Trina Schilling (Wishek SB).

Motion by Schumacher to approve the agenda with one addition. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

*Jeremy St. Aubin entered the meeting at 6:37pm.

Parents night was discussed--Schumacher stated she's talked to parents who want it back and Wolf said the parents she's talked to do not. Some kids like having it, some don't want it. Discussion on senior night instead. Motion by Schumacher to bring back parents night, second by Herr. Meidinger said each sport gets together at the end of their season so it could possibly be done there. *Kary Lindgren entered the meeting at 6:50pm. Schumacher amended her motion to state there would be no admission fees for parents or gifts of any kind. Second to amendment by Herr. Roll call vote: Herr-yes, Ketterling-yes, Wolf-no, Meidinger-no, Nitschke-no, Schumacher-yes, Schneider-no, Fey-yes. Motion failed due to lack of majority. Motion by Herr to hold a mandatory senior night for next year, with free admission for senior parents and no gifts, and to revisit the issue at next spring's co-op meeting. Second by Schumacher. Mr. Schmidt suggested putting all parents in the program and giving them all free admission on senior night. Nitschke thought whether to have the senior night or not should be left up to the coach of each sport, rather than making it mandatory. Roll call vote: Herr-yes, Ketterling-no, Wolf-yes, Meidinger-no, Nitschke-no, Schumacher-yes, Schneider-no, Fey-no; motion failed. Motion by Meidinger to have a senior night, left up to the coach's discretion, all parents recognized in the program as well as free admission for those parents and no gifts. Second by Schneider. Roll call vote: Herr-no, Ketterling-yes, Wolf-yes, Meidinger-yes, Nitschke-yes, Schumacher-no, Schneider-yes, Fey-yes; motion carried.

Josh Wiest submitted a letter asking the boards to consider providing coaches financial reimbursement for professional development courses from the National Federation of State High School Associations. NDHSAA requires 3 courses to certify coaches, while NFHS requires 4 courses to be an accredited coach. Cost is \$35 per sport specific course required for NFHS Accredited Interscholastic Coach. Cost varies for the 7 courses required for second level NFHS Certified Interscholastic Coach. The boards currently pay for the NDHSAA required courses for coaches to become certified. Jeremy St. Aubin provided an explanation of the NDHSAA coaches convention held each year and the benefits of attending--cost for that is about \$165. Motion by Meidinger to pay the registration fee and one night of lodging for any coaches attending the NDHSAA coaches convention or a dollar amount equivalent to half of the convention registration fee toward NFHS online courses if the coach chooses that instead. Second by Wolf. Roll call vote: Herr-yes, Ketterling-yes, Wolf-yes, Meidinger-yes, Nitschke-yes, Schumacher-no, Schneider-yes, Fey-yes.

Coach retention/fan behavior was discussed--Meidinger wondered what the boards can do differently to make things better for coaches. Nitschke said coaches should be made aware they have the support of the athletic directors and boards. After lengthy discussion, consensus was to have a committee of athletic directors, a couple coaches and a few parents develop some

ideas to address those issues and present that information to the boards before the 18/19 season.

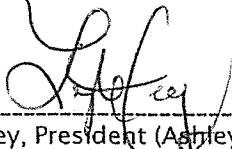
Mr. Schmidt reported district 6 athletic directors are recommending increasing admission prices to \$6/\$4 for regular games and \$7/\$5 for doubleheaders. Most schools are using those prices--official costs continue to rise and attendance is decreasing. Current elementary and JH admission is \$2/\$1. Motion by Nitschke to increase admission prices to \$6/\$4 and \$7/\$5 for doubleheaders as recommended, but keep the student/adult season pass prices the same and increase junior high admission to \$3/\$2. Second by Schneider. Roll call vote: Herr-yes, Ketterling-yes, Wolf-yes, Meidinger-yes, Nitschke-yes, Gwyn-no, Schneider-yes, Fey-yes; motion carried.

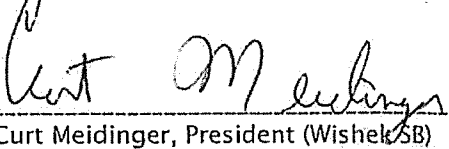
Mr. Kuntz stated the Rumble on the Red is not a NDHSAA sanctioned event so he's wondering if the co-op should be paying for that competition. Wolf suggested the wrestling club could pay the fee for that event. Motion by Wolf that the co-op will not pay for any non-sanctioned events, second by Ketterling. Roll call vote: Herr-yes, Ketterling-yes, Wolf-yes, Meidinger-yes, Nitschke-yes, Schumacher-yes, Schneider-yes, Fey-yes; motion carried.

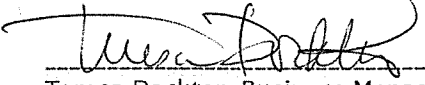
Wrestling warmups--should have them for regional/state competitions as they are supposed to have a school-issued uniform on at the awards podium for state wrestling. Discussion on what other sports do--kids buy their own warmup tops in most cases. Motion by Wolf that parents should pay for wrestling warmups, second by Schumacher. Roll call vote: Herr-yes, Ketterling-yes, Wolf-yes, Meidinger-yes, Nitschke-no, Schumacher-yes, Schneider-yes, Fey-yes; motion carried.

Athletic directors were asked to look at transportation schedules to see if we can be more efficient by having athletes ride together. Would like them to check if it's possible to cut down on number of buses on the road to save fuel and wear on buses.

Tentative meeting sometime in July to finalize coach retention/fan behavior committee recommendations so they are ready for the 18/19 school year. Motion by Wolf to adjourn, second by Ketterling. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.


Lyle Fey, President (Ashley SB)


Curt Meidinger, President (Wishel SB)


Teresa Dockter, Business Manager (Ashley SB)