

## SOUTH BORDER CO-OP BOARD

Ashley Public School & Wishek Public School

June 5, 2023 — 7:00pm

Ashley School Library

The South Border sports co-op held a joint board meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Ashley school library. Present: Lyle Fey, Ross Litsey, Amy Schlepp (Ashley school board), Danielle Goebel, Trina Schilling, Rocky Brown, Neil Horner, Curt Meidinger (Wishek school board), Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Corey Bader, Josh Hoffman.

Motion by Danielle Goebel to approve the agenda. Second by Amy Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

A committee consisting of Jason Schmidt, Amy Schlepp, Curt Meidinger, Lyle Fey, Trina Schilling, Jaclyn Zorn, Shawn Kuntz, Chris Doane met to discuss the co-op guidelines. Revised guidelines were reviewed by the joint board members—changes were outlined as follows:

#1—Changed to: Formal evaluations shall be done on head coaches, junior high coaches, and elementary coaches by the Athletic Directors from each school. Head coaches will evaluate assistant coaches.

#4—Hiring coaches—added 'If there is a tie, contract will not be offered and position will be re-advertised.'

\*Eliminated #6—'Recommend one coach from each school but not necessary.'

\*Eliminated #8—'All school transportation to practice should be combined when possible.'

#8—added: 'A \$350 bonus is given annually to each coach with a CDL passenger bus endorsement.'

#9—added: 'baseball' to list of head coaches for spring host school.

#10—added: 'Coaches are encouraged to provide schedule recommendations to athletic directors.'

#12—Changed to: Students will be back at home school by 7:00pm after practices.

#20 & #21—eliminated 'new'

#24—added: 'other meetings deemed necessary.'

#25—all agreed to remove this item: 'Junior high students may participate in activities at the high school level.' Discussion that #17 already states NDHSAA rules will be followed and those clarify junior high participation so no need for this.

#29—added as a new item: 'Coaching vacancies will be open to in-house coaches and employees of Wishek Public School and Ashley Public School prior to public notification.' Clarification that they are given the first opportunity but still have to interview and are not guaranteed the position. Also gives in-house coaches a chance to move up.

#30—added as a new item: 'Coaches are required to complete evaluation, submit inventory of uniforms and equipment, and provide list of letterwinners to athletic directors before coaching salary will be paid.' Discussion on whether there's a need to add that head coaches pay the NDHSAA fines if they don't complete the online clinics. Agreed that it's on the contract so not necessary.

#31—added as a new item: 'In the event of weather-related school closures for both schools, there will be no practices, open gyms, or open mats at any town. In the event one school is closed and one remains open, the school that remains open may have open gym or open mats for the athletes attending only that school. Coaches have the option to arrange for supervision of their team in the event he/she cannot make it to the school that remained open.'

Discussion on #13 regarding Sunday practices—'No extra-curricular activities are allowed on December 24<sup>th</sup>, December 25<sup>th</sup>, or Good Friday and if Sunday practices are held in preparation for a district, regional or state tournament, practices can start at 1:00pm and the students must be back

at their home school by 6:00pm.’ Trina Schilling pointed out that basketball and volleyball are covered with that but there are no options for other sports such as football, golf, wrestling. There were a lot of sports practices & events cancelled due to weather this year and after losing 2-3 practices during the week, a Sunday option would’ve been helpful. Chris Doane stated per NDHSAA, there can’t legally be more than 6 days of practice & games in a week. Amy Schlepp suggested giving the head coach the option of three Sundays during their season to use when needed. Some members didn’t agree with stating a number of days, thinking it would lead to requests for more days. Josh Hoffman gave an example—the wrestlers take Thanksgiving Thursday & Friday off and since it’s the last time some get to eat well, a Sunday practice option would be helpful to get ready for the first dual match the following week. There was also some discussion on open gyms and open mats and the fact that those should be communicated to the athletic directors. Also, if Sunday practices are held, transportation needs should be communicated to the athletic directors as well. Proposal to revise as follows: ‘No extra-curricular activities are allowed on December 24<sup>th</sup>, December 25<sup>th</sup>, or Good Friday and if Sunday practices are held in preparation for a district, regional or state tournament, **or under extenuating circumstance, prior approval has to be granted by both athletic directors and administration.** Sunday practices can start at 1:00pm and the students must be back at their home school by 6:00pm.

Motion by Trina Schilling to approve the proposed change, second by Danielle Goebel. Roll call vote: Ross Litsey-yes, Amy Schlepp-yes, Curt Meidinger-yes, Lyle Fey-yes, Neil Horner-no, Trina Schilling-yes, Danielle Goebel-yes, Rocky Brown-no; motion carried.

Motion by Trina Schilling to approve the updated co-op guidelines, second by Ross Litsey. Roll call vote: Rocky Brown-yes, Danielle Goebel-yes, Trina Schilling-yes, Neil Horner-yes, Lyle Fey-yes, Curt Meidinger-yes, Amy Schlepp-yes, Ross Litsey-yes; motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Amy Schlepp to adjourn, second by Neil Horner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

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Lyle Fey, President  
Ashley School Board

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Curt Meidinger, President  
Wishek School Board

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Teresa Dockter, Business Manager  
Ashley School