

SOUTH BORDER CO-OP MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 2024 - 8PM

Ashley School hosted via Zoom

The South Border sports co-op board met on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 via Zoom to discuss a co-op for elementary football and elementary volleyball. Present: Lyle Fey, Ross Litsey, Jordan Jenner, Amy Schlepp (ASB), Trina Schilling, Rocky Brown, Curt Meidinger, Danielle Goebel, Neil Horner (WSB), Chris Doane, Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter, Shawn Kuntz, Chuck Brandner, Willis Caldwell, Barry & Lisa Mueller, Becky Schnabel, Amber Goebel, Michael Bechtle, Dave Bernhardt, Melissa Piatz, Colin Crabtree, Jamie Vetter.

Motion by Rocky Brown to approve the agenda. Second by Danielle Goebel, motion carried unanimously.

Chuck Brandner explained the ADs and administrators have been talking about a co-op for elementary football and elementary volleyball. Volleyball practices frequently in the Wishek civic center which has no lines and net setup is not ideal. Ashley would have gym space available that time of the year. Elementary football—a 50/50 split would make sense—could use both fields, Wishek has the higher number of kids but currently Ashley pays all the cost and has all the practices. Would be better to share the cost of equipment and program expenses. He recommended a co-op for both sports in the interest of providing the best opportunity for the kids. There is a person willing to coach if he doesn't have to travel to Ashley every day.

Busing is a problem for all sports—the four administrators do a lot of driving. May need some parent help for transportation at times.

Elementary VB coach has been contacted and is ok with a co-op for that sport.

Discussion on equipment—Ashley has purchased all of the elementary football equipment. Will have to buy helmets in the next couple of years. Mr. Schmidt said he wouldn't want any compensation for the current equipment, just a split for future purchases. Currently parents purchase the t-shirts for elementary volleyball. A set of jerseys for the program would cost about \$1000.

Further discussion on busing—only 4 coaches on staff have a CDL (Chris Doane, Jeremy St. Aubin, Josh Hoffman, Dean Christianson). Have tried incentives to encourage coaches to get a CDL but that hasn't worked. Rocky Brown stated the four administrators can't be expected to drive constantly. If the coaches aren't willing to get the CDL and there's no drivers available, could run into not being able to have practice or each practice in their hometown. Programs would suffer if that happens.

The four administrators said they are willing to meet, go through scenarios and come up with a transportation plan for the programs.

Motion by Rocky Brown to co-op elementary football and elementary volleyball, second by Jordan Jenner. Roll call vote: Curt Meidinger-yes, Rocky Brown-yes, Danielle Goebel-yes, Jordan Jenner-yes, Ross Litsey-yes, Amy Schlepp-yes, Lyle Fey-yes, Trina Schilling-yes, Neil Horner-yes; motion carried.

Motion by Danielle Goebel to adjourn, second by Amy Schlepp. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

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Lyle Fey (ASB President)

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Curt Meidinger (WSB President)

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Teresa Dockter, Business Manager (A)

