

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GILMANTON

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting of February 9, 2022

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Board President Daren Bauer. Present: Daren Bauer, Jackson Serum, Justin Henthorn, Tammi Olson, Diane Ross, Jay Hebert, and Kory Rud. Absent None. Visitors Present: Beth Kraft from the Buffalo County News and community members. Teachers/Staff Present: Jamey Davis. Students Present: several students present.

Flag Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all persons in attendance.

Old Business

Discussion on Proposed Cooperative Sports Expansion for Basketball

Daren Bauer reviewed the purpose of the meeting. A question-and-answer discussion with community members and students present was held regarding the procedure for future additional cooperative sports. No action taken. The following are items to be addressed and concerns brought forth from the community.

- How does co-op work?
 - Deadline for basketball April 1
 - 2 years at a time
 - Must be renewed every 2 years to continue
 - Can co-op one and not the other?
 - Yes. Each is a separate co-op
 - Host School are the primary colors and name comes first
 - Each sport can have a different host
 - The host schools can change each renewal
- What would a practice/game schedule look like for the co-op basketball?
 - Scenarios were distributed
 - Elimination of late practices-likely
 - Questions on what time athletes would get back to home school from practices
- Transporting/Staffing
 - Costs
 - Extra expenses?
 - Minimal if any expenses foreseen
 - Van versus bus
 - Enough drivers?
 - No new issues
 - Currently have similar with fall sports
 - Who would drive to games?
 - Bus drivers lose part of salary?
 - Longer drives to game?
 - Will we still have enough drivers for our routes?
 - Liability insurance concerns
 - Should be no different than current
 - No concerns insurance should be no issue
 - Does Independence contract with Pape present any issues?
 - Will the travel time if we co-op affect the number of participants?

- Will a co-op affect the open enrollment numbers?
- Will there be fan buses?
 - Currently this is not done for other co-op sports.
- Would the students be picked up from and returned to their home school?
 - This is the current practice. Players would be picked up and returned to home school.
- What are the current participation numbers for each school?
 - Can you run only a JV or varsity team next year?
 - What will be the numbers in two years?
 - Hard to run practices with current numbers
 - Now would be the time to try it with the numbers down
 - By midseason without a co-op, you will have injuries and have to forfeit games
 - o-op will give a more competitive edge?
 - Higher level of play
- Colors/Uniforms/Games
 - Current co-op sports have the host school (Independence) colors
 - Strong concern for Gilmanton losing identity
 - Do not want to feel like an outsider
 - Suggestions to improve
 - Coaching staff 50/50
 - Currently co-op sports all coaches from Independence
 - Uniforms Split 50/50 like games?
 - Keep athletic directors in both schools?
 - Would like to have this.
 - Feel it would improve communication
 - Expand 50/50 games to softball/baseball
 - Host school alternate
 - Gilmanton should be a host school for a sport
 - Color/mascot rebrand
 - Alma/Pepin did this from year one
 - If done should be for all co-op sports
 - Want games to always remain 50/50 at both schools
 - Should not depend on participation levels

Discussion Future Meetings with Independence School Regarding Cooperative Sports

Meetings will be scheduled with the Independence School District. The meetings will be open to the public. Meeting times and places will be posted.

The School Board would like to thank the public for their input. All of the concerns and comments will be taken into consideration. We will always factor in the best interests of our students, staff, and parents in our decisions.

The February School Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

At 7:40 pm Jackson Serum made the motion to adjourn. Justin Henthorn seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.



Tammi K. Olson, Clerk