

## **St John-Endicott-LaCrosse Cooperative Sports Board Meeting**

Wednesday, May 30, 2018  
LaCrosse High School Library  
7:00 PM

LaCrosse School Board Chair Michael Stubbs, St. John School Board Vice Chair Shantyl McGuire and Endicott School Board Vice Chair Nancy Anderson called their respective boards to order and jointly opened the sports board meeting at 7:00 PM.

Dana Crider led the flag salute.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### Endicott School Board

Nancy Anderson  
Debbie Schlomer  
Greta White  
Jamie Misner

#### St. John School Board

Shantyl McGuire  
Alan Blumenshein  
Kelli Melhus  
Janet Leifer

#### LaCrosse School Board

Michael Stubbs  
Harmon Smith  
Tami Schwartz  
Cat Wigen  
Terry Miller

Others In Attendance: Doug Curtis, Suzanne Schmick, Bruce Porubek, Jeff Pietila, Mark Purvine, Billy Ray Jr, Ken Gering, Dana Crider and Nathan Cronrath.

Michael Stubbs welcomed everyone to the Sports Board meeting of the St John, Endicott and LaCrosse School boards.

Harmon Smith moved and Tami Schwartz seconded the motion to officially excuse Endicott Board Chair, Marvin Schmick and St John Board Chair, Valerie Brewer. All sports board members agreed.

Harmon Smith moved and Tami Schwartz seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2018 meeting. All sports board members agreed.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Handbook Updates**

Principal Mark Purvine presented a proposed SJEL Athletics/Activities Philosophy to be included in the Coaches Handbook. The philosophy is a summation of the work from the athletics self-study group and has been discussed amongst AD's, principals and superintendents. Questions have come up over the past year about what is the focus with our athletics. After much discussion and a small revision, Jamie Misner moved and Nancy Anderson seconded the motion to approve the proposed SJEL Athletics/Activities Philosophy to be included in the Coaches Handbook. All sports board members agreed.

### **Athletic Handbook revisions for 2018-19 school year**

Currently, the Athletic Handbook, page 4, Major Violations, item 1 states:

“Each student-athlete shall totally abstain from the use of, possession of, or inappropriate direct association with minors in possession of alcoholic beverages, all forms of nicotine, THC, drugs and narcotics during a given sport season. Inappropriate association means no attempt to remove self from where use is occurring.”

Administration recommends the following revision:

“Each student-athlete shall totally abstain from the use of, possession of, or inappropriate direct association with minors in possession of alcoholic beverages, all forms of nicotine, THC, drugs and narcotics during a given sport season. **Inappropriate association on the part of the student athlete includes electronic transmission of text or images-photos or video promoting, using or encouraging drug or alcohol consumption.**

Inappropriate association **also** means no attempt to remove self from where use is occurring.” Debbie Schlomer moved and Jamie Misner seconded the motion to revise the 2018-19 Athletic Handbook to reflect the recommended changes above. All sports board members agreed.

Currently, the Athletic Handbook, page 5, Major Violations During MS and HS Career, item 1 states: “Suspension from participation in interscholastic contests for a period of two weeks from the date of the violation. In the event the suspension is not completed during the current sport season, the remaining amount of suspension time will carry over to the next sport season in which the student-athlete participates. For violations of use, possession, and/or association this suspension can be reduced to one week if the student-athlete agrees to attend an Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco Education and Intervention workshop at the student-athlete’s expense. This workshop must be completed and verified by the school administration during the first week of the suspension. The student-athlete must continue to turn out and practice with the team in a regular manner. No school awards or local athletic awards may be received (the student-athlete will be permitted to letter in the sport of the season during which the violation occurred if they meet the sport requirement for the letter)”.

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the letter)". Terry Miller moved and Janet Leifer seconded the motion to revise the 2018-19 Athletic Handbook to reflect the recommended changes above. All sports board members agreed.

### **Wrestling Discussion**

SJE High School wrestlers have been allowed to practice at Colfax with their team for several years. For the 2018-19 wrestling season, Colfax is requiring SJEL to provide a coach to accompany our wrestlers to practices and matches. Concerns were heard regarding the hiring of a coach, participation numbers, transportation responsibility and shortage of drivers. Superintendents Schmick and Curtis provided their thoughts on providing opportunities for our students along with how to determine what participation numbers should be to proceed with wrestling. After much discussion, the sports board directed the administration and athletic directors to proceed with trying to find 5 wrestlers (as stated in the Coaches Handbook in order to hire a coach) and advertise for a coach. The board also agreed that transportation would be provided to Colfax for practice and matches.

### **AD Job Descriptions/Roles of SJEL**

Superintendent Curtis provided a copy of the Job Summary and Description of Duties for the Athletic Director position for LaCrosse School District. Also provided was the job description for the SJE/ESJ Athletic Directors. He explained that all three schools had input when creating the information for the newly vacated LaCrosse position.

### **Eagle Logo**

Concerns were mentioned regarding the use of different "Eagles" as logos for SJEL. At this time, we do not have an official "Eagle" that is required to be used for all athletic items. However, moving forward, every effort will be made to try to use the same "Eagle" logo for all athletic attire that is purchased by the school districts.

### **All-Athletic Dept. Meeting**

Once all coaches have been hired for the 2018-19 school year, the administration and athletic directors will hold an all-athletic department meeting. This will provide a time to strengthen relationships amongst the coaches and share ideas on how to improve our programs.

### **Washington State Coaches Association Membership**

Superintendent Curtis provided information regarding membership for our coaches in the Washington State Coaches Association. The membership provides additional professional development for coaches along with other items to benefit our coaches. Terry Miller moved and Janet Leifer seconded the motion to provide membership in the Washington State Coaches Association to all SJEL/ESJL head and assistant coaches at the cost of \$40/coach. All sports board members agreed.

### **LaCrosse AD Resignation and Search**

LaCrosse has been advertising for applicants to fill their Athletic Director position. At this time, they have two applicants. They hope to hire by the end of the school year.

## **AD REPORT**

### **Interest Survey**

Athletic Director Billy Ray provided the results of the middle school survey. The results are as follows: football = 12; girls basketball = 22; cross country = 6; boys basketball = 22; cheer = 8; volleyball = 28; baseball = 18; track = 27. Interesting fact: 80% of ESJ middle school students participated in at least one sport during the 2017-18 school year. Athletic Director Ken Gering is scheduled to complete the high school interest survey on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Coaches Updates (Hires and Openings)**

Athletic Director Ken Gering provided the following updates for high school coaches: Football = Head Coach - Rich Hallenius, Assistant Coach - Mike Blakeley; Volleyball = Head Coach – Jenn Johnson, Assistant Coach – 1 application has been received at this time. Stacie Archer will help this summer until a hire is made; Cross Country = Mike Maloney; Boys Basketball = Head Coach – Mario Adams, Assistant Coach – no applications received at this time. Mike Stubbs will help out this summer until a hire is made; Girls Basketball = Head Coach – Jessica Mills, Assistant Coach – Aaron Kjack; Cheer Advisors = Amy Watt & Kendra Trump; Track = Dick Behrens, Stacie Archer, Tim Stamper, Larry Martin; Baseball = Head Coach – Chris Stach, Assistant Coach – Chris Melhus; Golf = Stephanie Schauble.

Athletic Director Billy Ray provided the following updates for middle school coaches: Football = interviews scheduled for tomorrow; Girls Basketball = Head Coach - 1 application has been received at this time. Assistant Coach – TBD; Cross Country = Corrie Tollett; Boys Basketball = Head Coach – 1 application has been received at this time. Will interview at a later date. Assistant Coach – Tim Stamper; Cheer Advisor = Sheena Becker; Volleyball = Head Coach – Megan Dorman, Assistant Coach – Jenn Johnson; Baseball = Head Coach – Ron Pitts, Assistant Coach – Rich Hallenius; Track = Mike Maloney, Corrie Tollett, Don Kemper.

### **Evaluations**

Both athletic directors reported that evaluations for spring sports are in progress and will be completed soon.

### **Coaches Clinics**

Athletic Director Ken Gering stated that all but one high school head coach will be attending the upcoming WIAA Coaches School in Yakima at the end of July. Attendance at the Coaches School satisfies 3 years of requirements that coaches are required to complete. Mr. Gering will meet with the SJEL attendees for lunch to strengthen relationships along with beginning the conversation regarding the newly implemented philosophy of the SJEL athletic program.

### **Summer Programs**

Athletic Director Ken Gering provided all members with a calendar of high school summer athletic programs.

### **Sports Seasons Reviews**

Middle School Sports Review: ESJL spring sports are finished. Track and baseball both went smoothly. Baseball had 20 kids on the team which made it challenging to get everyone play time in each game.

High School Sports Review: No one on the golf team made the cut for districts but each golfer showed growth throughout the season. Baseball had a tough year but it was exciting to have a team! There were no seniors on the team this year so they are looking forward to having a strong team next year. Track finished up their season last weekend with 16 athletes participating at state. SJEL had several athletes place at state. For the third year in a row, Jadyn Corder won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the discus along with breaking the school record.

### **All Sports Parents/Athletes Night – June 5, 2018**

Dinner will be served beginning at 5:00 pm. Athletic Directors will meet with all coaches beginning at 5:00 pm to review updates to the Athletic Handbook and Coaches Handbook along with discussing expectations for the 2018-19 school year. At 6:00 pm, multi-sessions will be offered for parents/athletes to listen to coaches and to hear their expectations for their programs for the upcoming year.

### **Other**

Michael Stubbs posed the question: Have we as a board thought of having a Physical Therapist on-site for our athletic programs? There is a program through Pullman Hospital and Summit Therapy that make PTs available to school districts. Estimated cost is roughly \$5,000. Mr. Stubbs will gather more information to present at the next sports board meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE/SITE/TIME**

The next meeting of the SJEL Sports Board is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 in Endicott at 7:30 pm.

### **ADJOURN**

Shantyl McGuire moved and Greta White seconded the motion to adjourn the sports board meeting. LaCrosse, Endicott and St. John board chairs closed the sports board meeting at 9:00 pm.