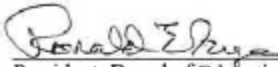


**Seneca Township High School
Co-Curricular Committee Meeting Minutes
January 8th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
Superintendent's Conference Room**

1. Roll Call:
 - a. Present: Mr. Ted O'Boyle, Athletic Director, Dr. Dan Stecken, Superintendent, Mr. Ron Frye, Board of Education President, Ms. Sara Ellis Olson, Board Member.
 - b. Absent: Mr. Cory Yandell, Board Member
2. The meeting was called to order at: 5:30 PM
3. Public Comment - there was no public comment.
4. Co-Curricular List Review-New Clubs: Mr. O'Boyle briefed the BOE Committee on the creation of two new clubs, both of which follow the pattern of our Career Pathways Future Endorsements. The Future Educators will fit in nicely with the Public Service & Education Pathway and the Business Club will meet the needs of a future Business Pathway if we choose to explore that. As a reminder for Pathway certification on transcripts and diplomas there must be a club/activity associated with it for team-based challenges and competitions.
 - a. Business-Accounting Club
 - b. Future Educators
5. Football Schedule/Conference Concerns - Mr. O'Boyle has exhausted options on the frustration we have faced with Football Scheduling. If the IHSA had passed districts, life at SHS in this realm, would have been much easier. Our enrollment and location both pose problems with *other* conferences to play us. IHSA districts would have solved this problem. Mr. O'Boyle continues to exhaust all options but unfortunately there is not a perfect or even readily available solution other than annually piece-mealing a schedule together. While this may seem isolated to a football issue, this has ramifications for *all* athletics and its impact on our student-athletes.
6. Shipyard Showdown Recap-Finances - Mr. O'Boyle shared updates regarding a highly successful first Shipyard Showdown Christmas Tournament. The feedback from coaches, referees, fans, and players was outstanding. While in the past this was a four day tournament, having it as a 3-day event was successful. Mr. O'Boyle discussed the impacts financially of hosting such a tournament and the "all hands on deck" approach needed for many layers of support, workers, and teamwork. Overall, financially, it was a successful first venture and we have found additional ways to continue to grow the event.
7. Turf Project Update:
 - a. Construction Update
 - b. Facility Plans- Rental Agreement

- c. Dr. Stecken gave an update on our turf project and our overall satisfaction working with ATG Ram Turf Sports. While the project schedule is behind, we cannot be more satisfied at this point with the product we are seeing on the softball field; it is amazing. Baseball turf installation started this week and we are hoping for fence work to begin on softball next week. We are at 70% paid on the project after the January BOE meeting.
- 8. Communications Director- Mr. O'Boyle shared his enthusiastic support for the work and efforts of Mr. Matt Houchin with regards to supporting athletics. As Dr. Stecken has discussed for a few months, Matt's effort in support of our athletics social media, video board at home events, and multimedia creation are outstanding. So impressive has his extra work been that he was awarded our Fall Tireless Award for his efforts. Ted supports his position as Communications Director to continue to elevate our presence in communications.
- 9. Vacancy Updates - Ted briefed the board on future activity and athletic anticipated openings for next school year.
- 10. Other

Committee adjourned at 6:25 PM.



President, Board of Education

1-15-25

Date



Secretary, Board of Education

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