Bennington Booster Club

Board Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2019

Present: Curt Bohn, pres., Tracy Behnken, VP, Linda Persigehl, secr., James Bartels, treas., Chuck Oborny, Kairi Prososki, Brittanie Butterfield, Danita Diamond, at-Large, and Greg Lamberty, AD. Visitor: Keo Jorgensen

Curt called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. He moved to approve the Jan. minutes, emailed out to board ahead of time. No corrections required and no objections made. Minutes were approved.

Cheer coach Brandi Edens and Dance coach Casey Mimmick were in attendance for a funding request. They asked for $15 per girl and per coach for both teams for drinks, snacks and dinner at State Cheer in Grand Island on 2/15. 15 girls per team plus two coaches per team = 34 x $15 = $510.

Curt motioned to approve the cheer and dance request. Linda seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Curt also shared funding request by Coach Pokorny for $15 per qualifying wrestler per day, plus $15 per paid coach per day for food and drinks at 3-day State tournament. The number of state wrestlers will be determined this weekend at districts. Total food expense should not exceed $500.

Curt motioned to approve wrestling food and drink funding request, with requirements for all coaches to turn in grocery and food receipts. Tracy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Greg Lamberty read a third funding request from Golf coaches Mr. Nichols and Mr. Deines. They requested money to purchase a SkyTrak golf simulator program, including a monitor ($1,995) and hitting mat ($349). (Net is already purchased.) Total cost is $2,344. Both girls’ and boys’ teams would have access to program, to set up and use primarily at middle school. After discussion about how it will help teams practice on rainouts, days too cold to play, Kairi motioned to approve purchase. Chuck seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

James read the treasurer’s report. Clothing: $27,017.88; Concessions: $34,150.64; and Savings: $28,780.45. Total: 89,948.97. Per last meeting’s discussion, James listed out separately the payments made to outside groups working concessions. This Jan., it was $1,936. Total paid out to groups so far this school year is $2,889. Curt suggested maybe listing out corporate dues separately from individual/family dues as well, beginning next year.

Curt said he’d visit with James to make plan for cash box delivery for spring sports before March.

Tracy said individual membership remained at 148, with total dues collected at $10,075.

Brittanie gave clothing report. State wrestling tshirt orders will be done online again and close on Monday, 2/10 at 10am to enable tshirt delivery on Wed. morning for sorting by FBLA. Shirts can be picked up in commons or office beginning Wed. PM.

Linda will share link to ordering tshirts via email, and Kairi will send out a Tweet. Coach Pokorny will send out link to wrestling families as well.

FBLA will run student store Tues and Wed. during Parent-Teacher conferences on 2/12-2/13.

Brittanie said she may use a different vendor than in past years for state Basketball tshirts, should they qualify, as she needs quicker turnaround, online order capability. Girls play subdistrict 2/11; boys on Feb. 23rd.

Kairi gave concessions report. Main indoor concessions popcorn machine will need replacement before next fall sports season, or a major repair. She reported student groups helping work are doing good job so far. Reviews continue to be mixed on pizza from Casey’s. Still using Godfather’s for some events.

Chuck reported the change in management at Cubby’s is reason for less attention, helpfulness, and they are not a corporate sponsor anymore.

A youth wrestling meet will be held at BHS by Bennington Wrestling Club in late Jan. We ordered pop for them to sell at meet. They will sell/operate out of school kitchen, rather than stand. We will buy back leftover product.

Greg discussed schedule for boys’ and girls’ basketball sub-districts and games we might host. Kim will need to amend concessions volunteer schedule as needed.

Once games are complete, we’ll want to empty and clean indoor concessions stand for the year and bring food down to outdoor stand.

BHS will host 8th grade orientation night on Feb. 26. Might be good idea to open Badger Pride Shack that night. Brittanie will send out email for volunteers to work it 6-7:30pm.

BHS will also host conference quiz bowl on March 4 from 4:30-7pm. Greg suggested we open concessions and/or sell pop and candy at a remote location to students. Maybe pizza?

Curt confirmed that Angie Knudsen-Smith will be doing concessions for spring baseball.

Greg said JV track meet is tentatively scheduled for BHS field, if it’s complete. If not, a bare bones concessions stand will be set up at Bennington Elementary, the backup location.

Curt has recruited booster parent Devin Byrd to serve on the Booster Club scholarship committee with Danita and Curt. He also asked Linda to email boosters asking them to consider a leadership position on the 2019-20 board, as we’ll have four vacancies to fill beginning in July.

Curt said Coach Janice Sanders has also decided to add money to the Delores Hansen scholarship and raise amount to $500.

Linda suggested we consider a few less traditional athletes for this one-time award, using criteria other than sports ability or success. A couple names of students were discussed. More discussion on committee to follow.

Greg said Spring Sports photos will be held March 12 at 3:30pm. Winter Sports Awards will be held Tues., March 5 at 7pm. Linda will bring Hy-Vee brownies to give out to boosters. Danita will man the senior banner table and hand out after awards.

Curt called the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.