Booster Club Board Meeting

Minutes for May 1, 2019

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In attendance: Curt Bohn, pres., Tracy Behnken, VP, James Bartels, treas., Linda Persigehl, sec., Chuck Oborny, Keo Jorgenson, Joni Schultz, Danita Diamond, at-large members, and Greg Lamberty, AD. Absent: Kim Leuders, Brittanie Butterfield

Curt called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. We began with funding requests from Coach Paul Wright, volleyball:

1. Precision Volleyball Trainers for setting practice. Collects balls and allows for lots of reps. Cost is $249.99
2. 15 varsity player backpacks (stay with the program – no names, no numbers on them) for ball, uniform storage. $45.50 each, for total of $682.50

Total for both requests is $932.49. Chuck motioned to approve both requests. James seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

A second funding request was made by Greg Bohn, football coach:

1. 5-man blocking sled. The old sled is at least as old as high school (15 years?) and not compatible with new turf on field, as it will likely rip it up. Sled cost - $5,835. (Skins $1,675, and pivot pad $725, may be purchased at later date.) School will cover shipping.

After some discussion, we also learned old sled would be kept on practice field or moved to middle school. At the least, it would be kept to salvage parts.

Tracy motioned to approve request for cost of the sled, $5,835.Curt seconded motion. All voted in favor.

Greg Lamberty presented a third funding request:

1) 13 IPADs (including case for each), one for each sports program, to be used for recording games, keeping stats, etc. Currently, several IPADS are being shared by programs, and all are getting older, battery life is low. If purchased all at once, school will get a discount and cost savings. Total cost is $4,095.

Curt motioned to approve request for 13 IPADS. Danita seconded motion. All voted in favor.

Curt provided an update on softball concessions. A group discussion was held, including Greg Lamberty, Brad Baumert, Curt Bohn, Joni Schultz, Jennifer Sedlacek, and Dr. Haack, Superintendent. After discussion, Dr. Haack made the decision to remodel existing storage shed on-site into a storage/concessions stand. Concessions area would be approx.. 12’x14’ in size. (Maintenance equipment for football field will need to be relocated.)

Electrical work on shed has already been completed. Items to be purchased include a hotdog warmer, popcorn maker, microwave, refrigerator, and a cooler.

Curt motioned to amend booster funding of softball concessions to up to $3,500 to cover cost of shed renovation and equipment purchases. ($1,200 private donation is still being offered.) This amount total ($4,700) is approximately 40-45 percent of total cost of project. BAL is covering other half. Tracy seconded motion to amend funding to $3,500. All voted in favor.

Curt will place order for all equipment, billing items to our booster credit card. Concessions shed will be up and running within the next several weeks.

Greg Lamberty read one denied funding request, made by softball parents, for 17 batting helmets, or one for each player. He said, after checking with several other EMC softball programs, he learned they do not provide individual batting helmets for their players. He also explained that our baseball program does not have one helmet per player either; they share and there are no major issues.

James gave the treasurer’s report: Clothing $27,080.70; Concessions $35,494.63; Savings $28,919.78.

He said the previous month included big clothing purchases, including state tshirts for baseball and soccer, and field days, as well as good income from concession sales at track events.

James reported that IRS audit for 2016 was now complete. The IRS asked that we make a few changes to how we classify the athletic boosters on future tax returns. They also asked James to begin sharing tax returns with all board members going forward.

2018 tax return is nearly complete. If not completed by May 15 (nonprofit deadline), Finken & Assoc. will file an extension for us.

Tracy gave membership report. 156 members, for total dues collected of $10,675.

Tracy will provide more information on adding Booster Club Membership dues/signup to “My School Bucks” online at the June meeting.

We also discussed whether we should continue to offer the $10 discount on the BHS family athletic pass with athletic booster membership ($150, instead of $160). Is it a true incentive to join boosters? Does it cause more confusion than it’s worth? A decision should be made by June, so the change can be added to the BHS Student Handbook, which heads to the printer.

Curt reported Kim Leuders is still staffing baseball and soccer games scheduled this weekend and asked for volunteers.

Food items in soccer concessions at Bennington Elementary need to be moved over to baseball field after the last game (donated to Bennington Legion.)

Greg Lamberty will be gone for June 5th meeting. Dr. Blomenkamp will likely be in attendance instead.

Spring Sports Awards are planned for Wed., May 15 at 5:30pm. The initial awards will be in auditorium, then each sport will break away for separate award meetings in order to complete before academic awards at 7pm. Danita will bring updated membership list of seniors, so we know which banners are paid for.

Curt called the meeting adjourned at 7:10pm. Next meeting is set for Wed., June 5th at 5:30pm in BHS library.