

Warren Local Schools



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Operations Committee Minutes

April 23, 2024

5:00 pm HS Rooms 1710-1711

Attendees: Mr. Allen, Mr. Crum, Mr. Newton, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Spence, Mr. Ludwig.

I. Guest Comments

None

II. Maintenance Update

Presented handout

The departments has been short staffed due to Steve Robinson being out an extended period.

Mr. Ludwig has started installing new pallet racking in building 2 maintenance area.

Camera systems in building 2 and transportation are not fully functional.

Mr. Ludwig explained to the committee the fuel reduction being seen with the newest VenTrac mower. The mower has a fuel injection system and we are seeing 35% fuel savings so far. The purchase of the extra-large deck has made mowing areas much quicker as well.

III. Transportation Update

Handout Presented

Ms. Jaramillo not present.

IV. Athletic Update

None

V. Old Business

Mr. Allen noted that both departments are doing a great job.

Softball field was leveled and dirt was added. Dirt was already on site and no need to bring in any extra. Fencing still needs to be completed. Waiting for the area to dry out.

Question about an outfield fence was brought up – Mr. Newton said no plans to install a permanent fence since the area will be multiuse with soccer using it also. Temporary fencing for softball might be an option.

Mr. Allen would like for Mr. Newton to address the decision to not add 4 fields. Noting that it was the right decision due to space constrictions and growth potential. The area could be needed for a building if growth of the district continues. Mr. Allen also recommends to look at adjacent properties and if a chance comes up to purchase, it should be discussed.

Mr. Crum asked if it is possible if the state can force consolidate districts in the area – Mr. Newton said that he has already asked this question and the answer is no.



VI. New Business

Building 6 roof leak – Contractor GAF sent a few workers to look at and repair under warranty. Company said the area is fixed. Stephen will keep an eye on it during the next rain to make sure it is fixed.

The facility use form was discussed. The form has been in discussion for a while. Biggest takeaway was the groups by priority

Group 1- Our school groups and sponsored sports

Group 2 – school affiliated groups such as PTO, youth leagues and 4H

Group 3 – Non – Profit organizations located in the district – such as a water board, travel teams.

Group 4 – Commercial business, out of district organizations.

Liability insurance will be required for groups 3 & 4. This form was created using other districts and with FMX input.

Mr. Harold gave an example of Logan's Chieftain Center. Logan charges everyone who uses the center. Mr. Harold believes charging a cost for the use of our facilities will make groups more inclined to take care of the facilities they are using. The district has many groups and people interested in using the facilities.

Mr. Crum noted that Prom will be held off campus and questioned whether our liability insurance would cover the event. Mrs. Wells replied with yes, our insurance would cover.

Mr. Crum asked why the event is being held off campus – Mr. Newton noted prom committee and students voted to hold prom off site.

The district currently has policy in place to allow use of the Use of Facilities Form.

When we do allow groups to use the facilities, we need to ensure we can cover the time with custodians and a manager type person to make sure buildings are being monitored and groups are doing what they should. Custodians should have a check list with the group signing off upon completion of the event. We want groups to be able to use the facilities, but we also want to maintain them to the best of our ability.

Varsity softball field will be getting dry wells and some extra drainage added over the summer.

Right field has had issues for several years with drainage. Instead of shifting the fence, a tall fence will be added to the outfield for home run distance and the outfield fence will have some tweaking done to left field.

Baseball field will also be getting a tall fence to replace the blue wall currently in place. This wall is deteriorating quickly. A new scoreboard for the baseball field has been donated and is expected to be installed over the summer. Mrs. Greenup asked if there is a plan to add restroom facilities the baseball/softball field. Mr. Newton explained that he and Mr. Ludwig toured Carr Concrete in Williamstown. The company makes prefab restroom facilities like the ones you see at State Parks. If the district is able to move forward this is what would likely be used.

Sound system for Warrior Coliseum is needing replaced. The district has received one quote, but is waiting on an additional quote. Mr. Crum, the district looked into adding sound panels to help with the noise level, but replacing the sound system makes more sense. Mrs. Proctor asked if the athletic boosters could help with cost. Mr. Harold said he would look into it.

VII. Presentation/discussion of monthly safety topic by staff

None

VIII. Additional comments before adjourning

Adjourned at 5:50 PM, Next meeting TBA

