

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2015

Members present- Dr. Thomas McLoughlin, Jeff Dimmig, Corinne Gunkle, Dr. Leah Christman, Bill Kennedy, Jeremy Melber, Kate Miller

Mrs. Gunkle called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Recap of the last meeting:

Mrs. Miller estimated anticipated costs of the sports if they were to change to PIAA District Sports instead of Club Sports:

- MS Cross Country \$5,000 (transportation 532, T shirts for uniforms)
- MS Track & Field \$3,000 (\$1500 transportation, t shirts)
- HS Cheer \$4,000 (\$3000 transportation, supplies \$1000)
- Boys HS Varsity Volleyball \$16,000 (2 teams)

These Club Sports have requested to become School District sports. This would cost the district about \$30,000 if all 4 were to change.

Mr. Kennedy shared a review of coaching fees compared to other area schools. (Our coaches earn at least 28% more in stipends). Mrs. Miller shared a breakdown of costs for 2014-15 for all sports which included # of athletes, all individual expenses (transportation, officials, security, coaches, uniforms, supplies, etc.) and a cost per athlete breakdown.

Discussion of cost per student and total costs of each sport continued with the following questions emerging:

- Is it possible to eliminate any?
- Can we save funds somehow to finance the new sports?

The committee concluded the following to be placed on the next agenda for consideration by the Board:

- The committee recommends that the following be added as District PIAA sports:
 - HS Competition Cheering
 - MS Track & Field
 - MS Cross Country
- The committee recommends revisiting adding HS Boys Volleyball as a District PIAA sport later this fall after the administration has an opportunity to review the athletic budget for savings.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Leah M. Christman

