

Cooperative School Boards Work Session
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Monday, November 28, 2016
Endicott School Library 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Endicott School Board Chair Marvin Schmick and St John School Board Chair Janet Leifer called their respective boards to order and jointly opened the work session at 6:00 pm.

Attendance:

Endicott School Board

Marvin Schmick
Nancy Anderson
Debbie Schlomer
Greta White
Jamie Misner

St John School Board

Janet Leifer
Jim Rogers
Alan Blumenshein
Shantyl McGuire
Valerie Brewer

Others in attendance: Bruce Porubek, Mark Purvine, Trish Hilt, Suzanne Schmick and Dana Crider.

At the start of the work session, the board members listed issues to address: 1) How to communicate with the public, 2) Where we are with LaCrosse at this point, 3) Low participation of fans, and 4) Low participation of SJE students.

Board members reviewed the current situation of allowing LaCrosse athletes to participate on SJE and ESJ teams this year. For winter sports at the high school and middle school, current participation numbers are as follows:

HS Boys Basketball	SJE = 16	LaCrosse = 5
HS Girls Basketball	SJE = 11 (includes one 8 th grader)	LaCrosse = 1
HS Cheerleaders	SJE = 5	LaCrosse = 1
MS Boys Basketball	ESJ = 21	LaCrosse = 3

Discussion was held regarding the low participation of SJE students in winter sports and the decline of community support at the games. Board members agreed these issues need to be addressed in further detail but at a later date.

Next, a list was developed, by input of all board members, of items the cooperative board members are considering as a proposal to the LaCrosse School District as part of a potential athletic coop.

1. All practices stay in St John with the exception of HS Baseball, which will continue in Endicott.

2. Colors and mascots for SJE and ESJ stay the same.
3. LaCrosse continues to transport their athletes to practices and to ride SJE buses to competitions.
4. LaCrosse financial responsibilities will cap out at 35% based on number of LaCrosse participants for each sport.
5. All LaCrosse sports teams will combine with SJE/ESJ.
6. One game per sport for MS and HS will be held in LaCrosse.

Further conversation regarding the above proposal will occur at the December Cooperative Boards Work Session (Monday, December 19th at 6 pm in the HFL Room at SJE High School)

Format of the future public forums was then discussed. The public forums will be scheduled to take place the last half of January. An update letter that will also serve as an invitation to attend the public forums will be mailed out to all SJE/ESJ families and patrons after the first of January.

Endicott School Board Chair Marvin Schmick and St John School Board Chair Janet Leifer closed the work session at 7:00 pm.