

Cooperative School Boards Work Session
RCW 43.30.080

Monday, May 22, 2017
Endicott School Library 6:00 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. Alan Blumenshein led the flag salute.

Attendance:

Endicott School Board

Marv Schmick
Nancy Anderson
Jamie Misner
Greta White
Debbie Schlomer

St. John School Board

Janet Leifer
Alan Blumenshein
Val Brewer
ShantyI McGuire

Others In Attendance: Suzanne Schmick, Mark Purvine, Bruce Porubek, Dana Crider, Rod & Jay Mills, Riley Lamb, Maribeth Kjack, Laura & Keely Jones, Linda Greenhalgh, Michael Stubbs, Travis & Rachell Anderson, Chris Stach, Rick & Tammy Fox, Kelli Melhus, Harmon Smith, Heidi Hough, Sandy Martin, Becky Gonzalez, Lori Loomis, Jenn Johnson, Gary & Janet Luft.

By the request of St John board member Valerie Brewer, Superintendent Schmick announced that director Brewer would be making a recording of this work session.

Superintendent Schmick reviewed the agenda for the meeting. She explained that Public Comment will be heard during the regular board meeting at 7:00 pm. Tonight's work session is to review and discuss the proposed SJEL Sports Agreement as generated by SJEL administrators based on previous school board discussions.

Item #1 - Discussion was held including duration of agreement, annual review and how to form the Sports Board. Superintendent Schmick recommends that all 5 board members from each school participate on the Sports Board for the first year to allow more time to develop and fine-tune the intent of the Sports Board. Also, meeting quarterly with all 15 board members is an opportunity to build relationships with LaCrosse board members. The majority of SJE board members agreed to change the language of Item #1 to include the following statement: "In the initial year of this cooperative arrangement, all members of all three Boards are invited to attend quarterly "Sports Board" meetings. Decision-making occurs by all members present casting ballots representing as many as 15 votes."

Item #2 – Discussion was held with no objection regarding the commencement for middle school and high school programs with the exception of high school volleyball for the 2017

season. However, concerns were heard regarding track. SJE and ESJ will continue to have two coaches (when participation numbers are met according to the Coaches Handbook) but will LaCrosse hire a coach? Will LaCrosse still pay 25% of SJEL/ESJL track expenses and hire their own coach at their own expense?

Item #3 – Discussion was held with no objection regarding the 25% flat fee for all sports but still the concern over track. Superintendent Schmick will contact Superintendent Curtis to ask the questions raised in Item #2 and will report back to the board at a later date. Valerie Brewer asked the administration to gather information regarding transportation costs for one practice and one game for each sport along with revenues for concessions, dinners and gate money for each high school sport. She is concerned about lost revenue for SJE by having one game per sport per season in LaCrosse. Greta White reiterated that SJE will not be losing concessions and dinner monies since there are plans to sell at high school volleyball games. Also, we would be receiving 25% for each sport to help cover expenses.

Item #4 – Discussion was held regarding length of practices in LaCrosse. It was agreed that one practice per sport/season will be held in LaCrosse and will conclude by 5:30 pm. Transportation Supervisors, A.D.'s and coaches will work together to coordinate travel plans.

Item #5 – Discussion was held with no objection to keep colors and mascots the same. SJEL and ESJL will be on all athletics publications. When uniforms are purchased, administration will review but intend to keep Eagles and Wildcats versus school names.

Item #6 – Discussion was held with no objection that LaCrosse will continue to transport their participants to practices and to ride SJE and ESJ buses to competitions.

Item #7 – Discussion was held with no objection that Athletic Director roles and responsibilities will be determined administratively in collaboration between SJE/ESJ and LaCrosse.

Item #8 – Discussion was held with no objection that each site will be responsible for maintenance of their respective facilities.

Endicott School Board Chair Marvin Schmick and St. John Board Chair Janet Leifer closed the work session of the SJE Cooperative Boards at 7:10 pm.