

Cooperative School Boards Work Session
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Monday, December 19, 2016
St John-Endicott High School HFL Room 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
Jamie Misner
Greta White

St John School Board

Janet Leifer
Jim Rogers
Alan Blumenshein
Shantyl McGuire
Valerie Brewer

Debbie Schlomer was absent.

Others in attendance: Darrell Miller, Mark Purvine, Suzanne Schmick, Dana Crider and Amanda Webb.

The purpose of the work session is to finalize thoughts for the public forums and to schedule dates.

Superintendent Schmick handed out a current Cooperative calendar, example of an agenda for the public forum along with a copy of the PowerPoint that LaCrosse used in their public forums. Superintendent Schmick reiterated that we do not need to follow LaCrosse's public forum, the information can be used as a starting point for developing our public forums.

Even though there will be two dates for the public forums and one will be in each community, the public forum will just be repeated. The same data will be collected. It just provides an additional opportunity for patrons to attend if they are unavailable for one of the dates scheduled.

LaCrosse's PowerPoint presentation was reviewed and discussed. Jamie Misner liked the focus page and suggested providing packets of information to the patrons prior to the community forums. As a reminder, joining with LaCrosse will enhance our numbers but not jeopardize our 1B standing.

The boards listed pros and cons for officially joining with LaCrosse for athletics:

Pros:

Stay 1B
Competitive
Practices stay in St John/Endicott
LaCrosse will help support financially
Potential of full JV games

Cons:

Loss of one home game (gate,
dinner, concessions)

The boards then made a list of pros and cons for continuing the way we are by allowing LaCrosse athletes to join our teams:

Pros:

Keep all of our games

Cons:

None

Board members feel the issue with LaCrosse volleyball joining with SJE needs to be resolved. Are they with us or not? Need clarification for us to see their commitment. If not bringing volleyball into the SJE Cooperative sports program, then the SJE boards feel LaCrosse is not ready to commit, and that the SJE Cooperative sports program would continue as is currently operating, adding LaCrosse students to the SJE program if LaCrosse was unable to field a team. The plan for full LaCrosse participation would be revisited for the 2017-18 school year.

Format of the public forums was then discussed. The public forums will be tentatively scheduled for January 18th in Endicott and January 24th in St John. 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. The moderator will be Superintendent Schmick and each patron who wishes to speak will have 2 minutes.

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