

January Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2024
Auditorium
Keystone Jr.-Sr. High School

Members present: Mr. Slagle, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Say, Mr. Hall, Mr. Willison, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Best and Mrs. McNaughton.

1. Personnel:
 - A. Accept the letter of resignation from John Stiglitz as Head Varsity Girls' Softball Coach.
 - B. Recommend hiring Erik Dowlan as the Head Girls' Softball Coach for the 2023-2024 season.
 - C. Recommend appointing Nate Ion as a Volunteer Boys' Track and Field Coach (recommended by Bill Weaver).
 - D. Recommended the retroactive hiring of Brandon Peirce as the Boys' Junior High Coach B (recommended by Greg Heath).
 - E. Recommend hiring Justin Bifano as the Head Varsity Boys' Baseball Coach.
 - F. Recommend hiring Kayla McConnell as the Assistant Girls' Softball Coach (recommended by Erik Dowlan).
2. A discussion was held regarding weekly eligibility requirements. It was decided that after a student has been ineligible for three consecutive weeks, they will be removed from the athletic team. A student who is ineligible currently for three weeks currently is automatically ineligible for three additional weeks. This would result in the student missing most if not all the season. This change will be reflected in the athletic handbook in July and will be in place for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. A discussion regarding athletic coaching positions was held regarding sustaining the position. It has been agreed upon that there will be an end of season evaluation and then the coach will have one month to submit a letter of intent to continue with the program. If the evaluation is poor or there is no letter submitted, the coaching position will be opened for new applicants.
4. It was discussed that a list of the number athletes needed for an athletic program to operate for the season. If the set number of athletes is not reached, the program will be shuttered for that season. If a program is shuttered for two consecutive seasons, the athletic program will be permanently terminated.
5. A discussion regarding the criteria for hanging of banners in Heath Gymnasium was discussed. Mr. Irwin is going to develop written criteria for the hanging of banners for specific sports and athletes.

6. Wrestling Transportation was discussed. A posting was made advertising for a temporary van driver for the wrestling program. It was determined that this position would be best suited to transport the athletes every day.