

DW Athletic Combine Minutes
Regular Combine Meeting- 6:00 p.m.
December 16, 2019 Meeting
Waitsburg
Committee Members Present

X	Superintendent Dayton- Doug Johnson	X	Superintendent Waitsburg- Mark Pickel
X	Principal Dayton- Kristina Brown	X	Principal Waitsburg- Stephanie Wooderchak
X	Dayton AD- Nicki Luper		
	Board Member Dayton-Katie Leid	X	Board Member Waitsburg-Christy House
X	Dayton Alumni- Jason Mings	X	Waitsburg Alumni- Johnny Watts
X	Dayton Community- Steve Martin	X	Waitsburg Community- Charlie Barron
X	Fiscal Agent-Paula Moisiso		

Non- Committee Members Present: Wendy Richards and Carly Benavides

The meeting was called to order at 6:01. Superintendent Johnson led the flag salute and Steve Martin provided introductory comments regarding tonight’s meeting and asked for conversation about the roles and responsibilities we have as a committee and what the board of directors have regarding their expectations of the committee. All acknowledged the role and responsibility for this committee is to continue to identify issues, offer ideas and then prepare recommendations for the boards to consider. In that spirit, it was agreed we have more work to do for our respective boards, communities and kids.

The committee heard a brief transportation report regarding the short term (now until January 4th) solution with recognition that the long term solution is still pending while the new bus driver works to get his CDL. After discussing details, the group agreed to focus high-level suggestions as opposed to getting into details. From a big picture perspective, the committee’s role is not to resolve administrative/logistic issues and to let administrators and Athletic Director deal with management issues. The administrators agreed to meet once a week during sports seasons to review the prior week and to plan for the upcoming week. Stephanie Wooderchak requested that a brief summary of the week’s events be available to all in a Word document weekly. She mentioned that a Word document is easier for those who are not familiar with Google Doc formatting.

Steve noted the primary four items that appeared on the DW Combine survey need direction from this committee and that other details will be addressed at future meetings.

- 1. Lack of Identity/Mascot**
- 2. Games alternating locations**
- 3. Practice Locations**
- 4. Transportation**

Lack of Identity (Mascot, Colors and Fight Song):

1. Mascot and Fight Song: Committee recommends the four ASB’s (two MS and two HS) solicit ideas for mascot and fight song for the combine from the student bodies and then the ASB’s will vote. The top three for each will then be sent via survey to community members, alumni, parents and students.

2. Colors: Committee recommends gold, red, black as colors for uniforms and that the grey/charcoal be used for warm ups/t-shirts/sweat shirts, with the logo DW in red/gold i.e., miscellaneous apparel but not uniforms. Several uniforms have already been purchased with this color scheme and our notes from a year ago state these are our colors.

Games in different locations: After much conversation, including long range planning and vision for a new spring sports complex and new lights at Waitsburg football field, the committee recommends that the short-term priority is to use the best facility for each sport. The recommendation is to have games at the following sites for the listed sport and grade level:

Sport	High School	Middle School
Football	Waitsburg	Waitsburg
Track	Dayton	Dayton
Baseball	Waitsburg	Waitsburg
Softball	Dayton	Dayton
Basketball	Dayton	Waitsburg
Volleyball	Dayton	Waitsburg

Golf is not listed but the only golf course is in Dayton. Cross-country and soccer are to-be-determined if needed.

Stephanie noted the importance of community buy-in or at least an understanding of the reasons for the locations for each sport and grade level. The notion of biannual rotation so that home games at one location would alternate locations each year. The committee agreed that the concept made sense, but why would we invest in one facility if it gets used every other year or why would we have games at a lesser-quality location when we have a better one sitting empty every other year? For the best outcome and experience, we should use the best existing facility we have for each sport and look longer term at improving or replacing facilities through time. Christy noted the comment from kids is they don't care where they play, they just want to play. Johnny noted the conversation starts and stops with where the facility is the best. Intent is to make each program the best it can be, not satisfy one particular interest or tradition. It is time to build new traditions together. The list needs to be solidified this spring so scheduling and planning can begin early.

Practice locations: All agreed that practice should be at the same location as the games. Recommendation for practice location is therefore reflected in the table above.

Transportation: If the practice and game locations are at definitive sites, transportation can be planned further in advance and we will get away from surprises, changes, and uncertainties. The Athletic Director can work with the Transportation Directors to figure out transportation schedules in a timelier manner.

Other items were mentioned like the student handbook, proceeds from gates, new uniforms, controlling entrance to Waitsburg football field, facility needs, C-team game locations for HS basketball, and weight rooms/trainer. We will visit each of these items in subsequent meetings once we know the Dayton board of director's decision Wednesday of this week. Committee discussed meeting frequency and decided to meet again Monday, January 13th at 6 PM in Waitsburg. Meeting frequency will be decided at the January 13th meeting.

Public Comments- Wendy Richards provided history on how Waitsburg/Prescott handled the mascot and fight song when she was in school. Carly Benavides noted the problem with biannual rotation of games is the stranded investment in one facility while games are at the other facility.

The meeting adjourned 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting January 13th, 2020 6:00 p.m. Location Waitsburg

2019-2020 Regular Meeting Schedule:

Meeting Dates:

January 13, 2020	Waitsburg
January 27, 2020	Dayton
February 24, 2020	Waitsburg
March 16, 2020	Dayton
April 20, 2020	Waitsburg
May 18, 2020	Dayton
June 15, 2020 BBQ	Waitsburg
July 2020 NO MEETING	
August 17, 2020	Dayton