

Special Board Meeting Agenda
January 2, 2024
4:30PM

- I. Call to Order and Welcome
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Patron Comments
- IV. New Business
 - a. Future Schedule for Varsity Basketball

Jared Ogden

- Expressed concerns about traveling to Indianapolis
 - Distance to Indianapolis from Union
 - Seven Oaks Academy is 2 hours away
 - Risk for our kids to be on the bus that long and financial burden for parents.
 - Need better mini busses for those trips
 - Some of the teams we play in Indianapolis are not IHSAA sanctioned schools so games don't count
 - Believe, Fortune Academy, Rooted School, Connersville Christian Academy
 - Rims weren't regulation
 - Security
 - Kids smoking weed in the bathroom, referee smoking weed outside during break
 - Students at Rooted school threatened to "[REDACTED]"
 - Music at Geo Next Gen was not appropriate *- redacted due to content*
 - Drug exchange and threats in restroom
 - We scratched Liberty Christian, Burriss, Northeastern, and Hagerstown but they want to play us
 - Protect kids, have been since coaching them and wants the board to consider that when voting.
 - Will not be sending his kids to any Indianapolis games in the future.

Derek Holderman

- Expressed concerns about traveling to Indianapolis
 - Doesn't like the distance but the danger is too much of a concern
 - Won't send his daughters to games in Indianapolis
 - Not being competitive isn't a good enough reason to risk the danger...kids can still be happy on the team playing in losing games

Chad Ogden

- Concerned about canceling Indianapolis games
 - We haven't had issues at some of the games we've played there.
 - Rooted School-we should no longer associate with them due to that experience.
 - Drug deals could happen anywhere. Specifically named issues at Hagerstown and Centerville.

- If we played Northeastern, Winchester, etc. we would lose by 70 points and that would wear our kids down.
- Evaluate who we play in Indianapolis rather than canceling all games in the future.

Arlene Schmucker

- Agree with Jared Ogden about the safety issues but also believe, based on conversations with her son and nephew that the kids would rather play in Indianapolis over getting beat by 50+ points.

Bobby Moore

- Kids lose interest if they go to games where they get beat by 50+ points
- Feels like we need to look at games individually moving forward rather than canceling all Indianapolis games.
- His daughter was involved in a school shooting in Richmond so danger can happen anywhere.
- Feels we've had better results against Indianapolis schools
- Have games that are a further drive scheduled on Fridays and Saturdays only.

Christa Ellis

- We need to be more selective in the future and put more effort in to future scheduling but not rule out Indianapolis games altogether.

Jeff Burke

- We shouldn't schedule non IHSAA schools due to less rules governing those schools
- Playing 2A schools in our conference doesn't help our situation
- Need to look at more 1A schools south and north of us preferably within an hour drive.

Christie Ogden

- Mentioned paying the Indianapolis schools on our schedule to come to Union to play the last 3 games.

Christie Ogden made a motion to pay schools to have games moved to Union. Indianapolis games would be canceled if they can't come. Seconded by Jim Marlow

More discussion took place about looking at other Conferences to participate in. It was also discussed prior to the vote to have future games closer to home rather than in Indianapolis.

Motion carried 4-1, Christie Ogden, Jeff Burke, David Schmucker, and Jim Marlow in favor, Christa Ellis opposed.

V. Adjournment motioned made by Jeff Burke, seconded by Jim Marlow carries 5-0