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*Attending: Jim Farmer-Daniel Fleer-Louis Janssen-Julie Duke -Supt. Scott D. Riddle-HS Principal Bill Dorethy-MS Principal Seth Klusmeyer
Absent: Cory Miller - Peggy Duesterhaus - Steve Arnsman
Guests: Amanda Kasparie - Hannah Kasparie - Brent Zanger*

2. Public Comments

None

3. Old Business

3.1 Discussion/update on consideration of co-oping softball

Mr. Dorethy shared he had met multiple times with any interested high school girls for softball. In all the meetings the total number of girls ranged from 8-15 girls. Mr. Dorethy did note that not all the girls who attended were committed to playing softball and some would not be eligible. Mr. Dorethy and Supt. Riddle then shared discussions they had with Southeastern School District. Different issues were articulated including the short turn-around time for completing a co-op for this spring. One of the main hurdles identified was the naming of the co-op knowing it would be a 50-50 split arrangement. It was shared the proposal indicated games would be split equally between Mendon and Bowen as well as practices. Transportation would be shared and depending on direction each would pick up the other players if going towards their school. Coaching stipends would also be split between the schools, but decisions on the head coach had not been made.

The overall consensus from the board and administration was it was too much to attempt in such a short time. The opinion was to play this year with the girls that we had and to consider options going forward for next year. Jim Farmer did state the district would be interested in exploring this association with the Southeastern School District because the numbers issue was not looking better in many of the spring sports. Julie Duke and Supt. Riddle suggested not just looking at extra-curricular opportunities but also examining academic opportunities as well. Based upon the discussion it was decided not to include an agenda item on the next board meeting for a co-op in softball.

4. New Business

4.1 Larry Dirks IASB

4.1.1 Strategic Plan Review- Phase II

Mr. Dirks reviewed the progress made at the last strategic planning meeting. The areas previously discussed included: 1) Student Achievement 2) Programs/Services/Curriculum 3) facilities 4) financial condition 5) and community relations.

The board and Supt. Riddle along with Mr. Klusmeyer developed vision statements and goals for each of the areas. These vision statements and goals will be compiled by Mr. Dirks and sent to Supt. Riddle to assimilate for the Board/District. The next step in this strategic planning process will be to share this with the staff to help guide our choices for current and future courses of action. The ultimate aim is to have a community meeting to share the aspirational description of what our district would like to achieve in the next 3-5 years.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.