

**SCHROON LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**

6:00 PM Town Pavilion

**Wear masks if not socially distanced and bring your own chair
Maximum of 50 people**

This meeting will not be live streamed but will be available later on Facebook

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Murdock
Kevin Kelly
Susan Repko
Ashley Barry
Jared Whitley

BOARD CLERK

Lisa DeZalia

OTHERS PRESENT:

Stephen Gratto
Tamara Belanger
Lee Silvermail
David, Rachel & Isiah Pelkey
Sharon, Riley & Carly Smith
Amber & Brittany Mieras
Craig & Anna Maisnville
Chad & Emma Haneman
Rojean & Kayli Hayden
Mary Gereau
Brooke & Sloan Clark
Marylou Shaughnessy
Danielle Fosella
Rick Gero
Christian Gratto
Lyle and Olivia Hartwell
Micah Melville
Chris & Ethan Farris
Margaret Barnoff
Elijah Yarosh
Jacob Lyons
Rick & Ricky Dumolin
Laurie & John Yarosh
Jake DesLauriers

**MEETING
TO ORDER**

President Bruce Murdock called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Melville asked that the Board allow the students to play. We have the opportunity so lets take it before things get shut down again. Chris Farris seconded that, lets follow procedures but let them play. Mrs. Gereau stated that Malena is very passionate about sports and it important for her to play. She was not in attendance because she was at basketball practice, something she has done all summer, following protocols without incident. We know it is a risk, however these kids have given up so much

she feels it is important to give them a chance while it is available. David Pelkey stated that his boys have also participated in summer programs following safety precautions. He is afraid that if we say no now it will carry over to other sports.

Mr. Silvernail reported that he has much discussion at every level and realizes that this is not an easy decision. Students must wear masks during games and practices. Only two spectators per athlete would be allowed at the game. Spectator lists would have to be provided to the away school to help with contact tracing if necessary. Nine of the twelve MVAC schools have already opted to go to the Fall 2 season and play in the spring. There will be no sectionals or championship games. He would love to see the kids play as they need something to do, however, he is not sure that it is practical at this time with only three other schools participating. At this time we do not have enough boys to field a Varsity team, We were planning to merge with Newcomb, however, they have decided not to play at this time. He did not have solid numbers for the modified teams. He would need to put the new information out to both parents and students to get a count to see if we have enough for modified teams. Masks will be mandatory as social distancing is not possible during play. It is difficult to have two sets of rules where PE classes have to have kids 12 feet apart and afterschool soccer teams are allowed to play with masks.

There was parent concern over playing Boquet Valley and asked how they could still play with the COVID outbreak in their community. Mr. Silvernail explained that they remain eligible because the school is not closed due to positive cases within the school. There are concerns about our kids being exposed to other communities in general

Jake DesLauriers pointed out that we do not have a boys team at this point so lets use the time to do skill building and perhaps by spring Newcomb will come back on board to play. There is no sense in wasting the opportunity to play now. Mr. Silvernail had to check with the league to see if it was possible for the Girls Varsity to play now and the Boys Varsity to play in the spring.

Mrs. Shaughnessy stated that she understands that the girls want to play now and there is opportunity, however, she would rather skill build now and play in the spring when there would be more teams in our local area to play. She is very interested in getting the girls out there to exercise and continue to build a strong team relationship. At this point the season will be very short.

Transportation only allows twenty one on a bus so only one team could be transported at a time. Most drivers are not interested in transporting to other communities. So it may be necessary for parents to transport at times.

Additional contests outside our section will not be allowed, you are tied to your section and region. We would not be allowed to play North Warren or Bolton.

If teams participate in fall training and compete in the spring, the coach will be compensated the stipend in the spring. Fields will be available for skill building when Girls Varsity is not practicing or competing. All athletes participating in fall training will need to follow all state guidelines

Mr. Silvernail will get information to parents and have solid numbers regarding the modified teams for the next meeting.

BOE
APPROVES
GIRLS
VARSITY

A motion was made by Ashley Barry, second by Jared Whitley to approve Girls Varsity Soccer to begin practice on September 21. All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Kevin Kelly, second by Jared Whitley to adjourn at 7:10 pm
All Board members voted Yes- 5 No-0 motion carried

District Clerk