

**BUEA VIST CITY SCHOOL BOARD**

**BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**DECEMBER 7, 2020**

**6:00 P. M.**

**WILFORD P. RAMSEY EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

ATTENDANCE: School Board Members - Teresa Ellison, Wayne Flint, Lisa Kerr, Mac Felts, John Rice, John Roberts. John Keeler, Donna Frazier, Kelly Linkenhoker, Sherrie Wheeler and Sandy Mohler. Zoom Roy Mohler and audience.

Meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence was observed.

Wayne Flint made a motion to approve the Agenda. It was second by Mac Felts. All Board member present voted yes. Any opposed? Motion carries.

**Presentation:**

Mitigating Winter Sports – Dr. Keeler – Tonight we want to take a moment to talk about the mitigating strategies we have in place for winter sport teams. We are ready to start practice this week, especially Basketball. Followed by wrestling, swimming and indoor track. I have asked Mike Cartolaro and Melissa Cobb from the High School along with Debbie Gilbert from the Middle School to give us an update on the protocols for the sports teams. Discuss our sports programs and how Covid-19 has effected them. Feel free to ask question. Help you have a better feeling concerning the procedures we have in place. Turn the time over to Mike and Melissa.

Mike Cartolaro – Since March, we have gone through the toughest 9 months ever.

Our goals are:

- 1) Give our student athletes an opportunity to practice and participate in games/matches in a safe environment.
- 2) Increase the emotional well-being of our athletes.
- 3) Maintain excellence both in athletics and in the classroom.
- 4) Allow our seniors the opportunity to compete in their final season.

We started this year with accumulated GPAs for each team. Grades are very important, the better student you have, the more they are receptive in the gym.

Background –

- 1) Shut down in March
- 2) No contact with kids from March until July. We had weekly meetings with VHSL and we continue to have weekly meetings. VHSL developed a plan so we could start conditioning.

- 3) Allowed to return to conditioning on July 6
  - a. We waited until July 20<sup>th</sup> to begin.
  - b. Mandatory coaches meeting for protocol prior to starting

Protocols:

- 1) Everyone has to sign a waiver in order to participate. Athletes and parents had to sign that they understand the risks involved.
- 2) Temperature check upon entry.
- 3) Covid self-screen sheet to be complete before student is allowed to participate in practice. This is very important, they have to let us know if something is going on with them because it could have serious effects for everyone.
- 4) Masks required
- 5) Social Distancing
- 6) Hand sanitizer – arrival, between and dismissal
- 7) Balls/equipment – wiped down throughout

Weight Room:

- 1) Athletes in pods of 3 or 4 – matched up according to size.
- 2) Masks required at all times except during actual lift
- 3) Wipe down in between lifts/individuals
- 4) Cleaned and fogged before and after by Coach Eric Wheeler and Coach Kenny Wright

VHSL Mandates:

- 1) Condensed playing schedules. 60% of regular season
- 2) No scrimmages
- 3) Essential personnel and spectators only in the gym. Only 25 spectators are allowed.
- 4) Masks required at all times, except for players on floor, players on mat and officials

Essential personnel include Coaches, players, officials, administration, score table, security, medical personnel and media. Approximately 80-85 people. Spectators include Cheer team and parents. No more than 25 total. Allow parents for the Varsity games, especially the seniors. Road games no spectators are allowed. Socially distanced for everyone – spectators, cheerleaders, players, media and score table. Everyone wears a mask except for the players on the floor.

Building logistics – We are using classrooms to put the teams in. Visiting teams and Officials will park, enter and exit the building from the back of the school. Visiting teams are screened before traveling and screened when entering the school building. Spectators will enter from the front of the school.

Temperature check and covid screening questions upon entry.

Basketball – Team benches will consist of 5 seats on the floor socially distanced. Bleachers will be used directly behind seats for remainder of team/coaches. Seats will be marked.

Score table will consist of 3 seats socially distanced. Additional needs will be handled in the stands. Balls will be sanitized throughout the game. No jump ball. Visiting team puts the ball in play.

Wrestling - Practice 2 groups of 8 – one group will be in the wrestling practice room. The other group will be in the weight room. After 1 hour they will wipe down their area and switch. While lifting students will work with one other student. Constant cleaning.

Events – 3 tri-matches. All 3 teams will have a designated spot in the bleachers, socially distanced. Athletes will remain in their seat until it's time to be on deck or on the mat. One coach will be allowed to sit in the wrestler's corner throughout the match. New wrestling mats, they are lightweight.

Indoor track – two outdoor polar bear events scheduled. Outside social distancing will be observed. For shot put and discus athletes will provide their own shot or discus and will have to retrieve their own shot or discus. Sprint, hurdle, relay events may use every other lane or staggered start times.

Swimming – Arrive at the venue already dressed for the swim meet. Limit number of swimmers per lane during warm-up and warm-down periods. Assign lanes with physical distancing in mind.

Cheer – Cheerleaders must wear face covering at all times. Cheering will take place from designated seats in the gym. Cheerleaders will not cheer on the floor. No stunting is allowed. Cheerleaders will only perform at home boys and girls basketball games.

Viewing events – We have purchased a high tech Hudl camera. This will allow spectators to view the home games in your home for \$5.00 per game. Will use this money to help pay for officials. Can also use it to stream any events held in the gym.

Debbie Gilbert – Middle schools sports – Middle school is also following the same protocols as the High School. Biggest difference is the Middle School is not going to let any spectators in the gym. Because the Middle school does not have the same space as the High school. We have 8 games scheduled right now.

Not allowing athletes to play AAU ball on the weekends, if they are playing on a Parry McCluer team. VHSL is going to allow a reduced playoff schedule. Regionals will allow 2 teams from each district and 2 semi-finals and a final. State will allow quarter finals, semi-finals and a championship game. Will keep the Board updated regarding any changes. Football games will be played on Saturdays. Season will end on June 25<sup>th</sup> to allow all sports an opportunity to play.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Wayne Flint, seconded by John Rice and passed by 7-0 vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Ellison

Teresa Ellison – Chair

01-27-2021

Date

Sandra Mohler

Sandra Mohler – Clerk

4/28/2021

Date