

November 22, 2010 Special Board Meeting  
Iroquois and Sanborn Central School Boards  
Re: Football Cooping

- 1) Called to order at 7:00pm with Austerman, Miller, Olson, Schmit, VanLaecken, Supt Whitney, AD Tim McCain present. Iroquois School Board members Greg Blue, Mary Jane Fast, Greg Schortzmann, Rex Geyer and Supt Mark Sampson present. Visitors: Justin Enfield.
- 2) Approved agenda and had introductions.
- 3) Went over enrollment figures and projected participation numbers from both districts.
- 4) Discussed several items including but not limited to the following:
  - JH, JV, and varsity practice in Artesian pending approval from the Artesian Town Board to use the softball diamond for practice and the Artesian Fire Department to use the Community Center for dressing room and restrooms and to get water. Liability insurance was a concern and needs to be checked. Could be a possible rental fee or user fee for either or both.
  - All practices in Artesian except for the Thursday before the two Iroquois home games and two in Forestburg before the 2 home games here.
  - Head coach and assistant from SC with an assistant from Iroquois.
  - Split all costs including coaches, uniforms, transportation.
  - Combine current school colors of Orange, Blue, and Black. Arrive at a new mascot.
  - Share equipment.
  - Iroquois needs to dissolve the current coop with DeSmet by December 12<sup>th</sup> (30 days before the SDHSAA January 12 Board of Directors meeting)
  - SC has the option of either Wessington Springs/Woonsocket or Iroquois or staying by ourselves.
  - Training rules and eligibility policies were discussed.
- 5) Iroquois adjourned at approximately 8:10 and SC continued discussions.
- 6) Mrs. Whitney reported on the fact that a WS/W/SC coop would more than likely stay 9-man as it was verified with Bob Lowery from SDHSAA that our combined ADM goes by the base school total 9-11 enrollment + percentage of the satellite schools grades 9-11 enrollment using the number of grades 9-11 players on the 2010 football rosters. Must be less than 112.5 to stay 9-man. These are the numbers:

School:	9-11 ADM:	9-11 players on 2010 football roster:	Percent of total 9-11 ADM:	ADM Used:
Wessington Springs	52	BASE	52	52
Woonsocket	30	7	30 X 70%	21
Sanborn Central	32.96	9	32.96 X 90%	29.664
TOTAL:				102.664

Mrs. Whitney has discussed a proposal with both superintendents but does not have formal board approval from either board or ours. Those options are that the WS/W coop would just add SC to their coop name. The colors would be black and white and the mascot would be the Blackhawks. Each school would handle their own equipment. Costs would be split between the schools. Each school purchases a couple of new footballs to be used. SC would have 1 home varsity game and host both the JV and JH jamborees. Woonsocket would have 1 home game and Wessington Springs would host 2. The first four weeks of practice and first 2 home games would be in Springs but our students could ride to Woonsocket and then ride their bus to Springs. The last 6 weeks of practices would be in Woonsocket. We'd be in charge of our own bussing. Jason Kolousek would be the head coach and we'd provide at least one assistant. MS, JV and Varsity would practice at the same time and ride the bus together.

- 7) The school board directed Mrs. Whitney to do a survey of the students in grades 5-11 to find out what they want to do. It was also suggested to call current and possible football player parents to get their wishes known. She was also directed to contact our insurance agent about liability to practice and use the facilities in Artesian. If that isn't covered and the cost is prohibitive, the Iroquois option would not work. All information needs to be gathered and a final decision needs to be made at our December 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
- 8) Adjourned at 9:10 pm.