

Ludington Board of Education
Public Meeting Notice

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Mission: The Ludington Area School District, in partnership with parents and community, will educate and empower students to adapt and succeed in their future.

Co-Curricular Committee Meeting

Date: August 18, 2017

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Ludington Area School District Administration Office
809 East Tinkham Avenue, Ludington, Michigan

- 1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
 Mary Jo Pung Josh Snyder Bret Autrey
- 2) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
- 3) AGENDA MODIFICATION
- 4) DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a) Freshman Sports
 - b) Athletic Conference Application
- 5) OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 6) ADJOURNMENT

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Memorandum - Office of the Superintendent

TO: Board of Education ☐
FROM: Jason Kennedy, Superintendent
RE: Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting ~ Agenda Notes

Freshmen Sports

There is an interest in offering freshman boys basketball this year, both from Coach Shank, as well as from the community, due to increased participation and numbers that are projected to be on this year's junior varsity team. There are expected to be approximately 20 student athletes or more that will tryout for JV basketball. There has been this level of interest for the past two (2) years. Title IX requires that we have balanced programs by gender. At this time, we offer one (1) more boys sport than we do girls; however, we remain in compliance because the additional program is a cooperative program for hockey with Manistee.

Adding freshmen basketball will result in non-compliance without considering other offerings. Other solutions may be:

- Offer freshman volleyball or basketball for females
- Eliminate one of the other boys teams because due to low numbers or no coach for the program (JV tennis, wrestling)
- Add a different female sport such as competitive cheer

Please keep in mind that we have very low numbers for girls golf, so this may put us further out of balance if the need to eliminate the sport arises due to low participation numbers.

Athletic Conference Application

On June 30, 2017, Ludington High School submitted application to the West Michigan Conference (WMC), seeking to join the league as the WMC considered conference expansion. Nine (9) schools originally expressed interest in joining the conference; however, only two (2) schools, Ludington and Hesperia, completed the application and followed through with the formal application process. The athletic directors of the WMC will decide in September if a vote of the principals within the conference will take place to move forward with conference expansion. More than 25% of the athletic contests that our teams compete in are against opponent schools from the WMC.