Chairperson Clint Cogswell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The first agenda item was the RMS Athletic Philosophy, which had been discussed at previous Instructional Committee meetings. The committee reviewed the document and thanked RMS administration and the Director of Physical Education and Sport for making the changes the committee had recommended.

The Committee voted 4–0 (moved by Kevin Fleming, seconded by Chris Casko) to recommend to the full Board the acceptance of the Intramural and Athletic Philosophy as presented.

The second agenda item was a request by RMS administration to have the committee approve the position of RMS Athletic Facilitator. Mello reviewed the job description for the position. Committee member Patterson asked if this position will deal with RMS Intramurals. Mello responded yes and stated he would add this to the job description. Committee member Casko noted that the stipend for this position exceeded the budget by $2600 and asked the Superintendent if the funding would come from her contingency. Superintendent Rath said yes.

The Committee voted 4–0 (moved by Chris Casko, seconded by Kevin Fleming) to recommend to the full Board the approval and funding of position of RMS Athletic Facilitator.

Superintendent Rath proposed that the Director of Physical Education and Sport have the flexibility, given an athletic budget approved by the Board, to reallocate funds from one sport to another during the school year based on the changing interests of students. Superintendent Rath explained that this authority would pertain only to the approved positions and stipends in the co-curricular schedule in the CEA CBA. Any new sports or coaching position would require approval of the Board. The committee gave support to this concept but pointed out that Board policy would have to be revised to accommodate it. The committee requested the Superintendent bring forward a proposal at a subsequent meeting.
The next issue was a request from Mr. Mello to upgrade three sports – volleyball, wrestling, and cross country – that are currently listed in the co-curricular schedule as intramural, to interscholastic, as they have been functioning as interscholastic sports. Mr. Mello explained that this would mean adding a head coach position for each sport (with two head coaches for cross country) and establishing the stipend at a level that is comparable to other head coaches at RMS. Mr. Mello explained that this would result in an increased expenditure of approximately $4,000, which would need to be funded from the Superintendent’s contingency fund.

The Committee voted 4–0 (moved by Kevin Fleming, seconded by Jennifer Patterson) to add four head coaching interscholastic stipends at RMS based on the negotiated co-curricular CBA rates – one for volleyball, one for wrestling, and two for cross country.

CHS Principal Connolly informed the committee about his plan to turn Commons C into a “learning commons.” Mr. Connolly explained that, given the projected decreasing enrollments, over a two-year period the students in Commons C will be transferred to other Commons, leaving that space as a learning center where tutoring, guided study and learning labs can take place. Mr. Connolly explained that the Commons C program assistant would be responsible for supervising the space. In response to a question about cost, Connolly explain that at this point the costs to renovate the space (move lockers, add carpet) would be minimal. Superintendent Rath noted, however, that there may be a problem with the floor tiles (possible asbestos) and that more will be known next week. She added that if there is a sufficient cost then the administration will reconsider. Any significant expenditure of funds first would be brought to the Board for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Clint Cogswell, Chair

Rob Prohl, Recorder