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NDHSAA Board

The Gackle-Streeter School Board along with the Napoleon School Board have approved at their regular May board meetings to coop in girls volleyball, girls basketball, boys basketball, boys golf, and girls golf for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year and beyond.

The Gackle-Streeter School Board, Napoleon School Board, and Kidder County School Board have also approved at their regular May board meetings to coop in girls track, boys track, and boys baseball for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year and beyond.

We are also asking the NDHSAA to waive the late fees for missing the end of season deadline that will be charged to our districts for Girls Volleyball, Boys Basketball, and Girls Basketball. We believe that Medina formed a new coop late in the year forcing us to explore other coop options that would be in the best interest of our student athletes, parents, and community.

I am submitting a timeline of the process which should give you a better idea why we missed the end of season deadlines.

We will be submitting all the necessary paperwork to the NDHSAA for board approval.

Sincerely,



Gackle-Streeter Supt. Duke Larson

Time Line

- February The Medina Superintendent and School Board reported that they were exploring a possible Coop agreement with Pingree-Buchanan In Girls and Boys Basketball.
- 02/15/13 The Gackle-Streeter and Medina administrators and Coop board members met to discuss the reasons the reasons for coop exploration and that their intent was to move forward with Coop negotiations with Pingree-Buchanan. They wanted to know if we would be interested in being part of the new Coop. We informed them that we would need to have a community meeting before making any board decisions.
- 03/05/13 The Gackle-Streeter School Board had a community meeting addressing Coop issues. The patrons were informed that we believe our current Coop agreement should stay the same but if Medina and Pingree-Buchanan Coop we would have to make a decision to go with them or open dialogue with a nearby district such as Napoleon. We agreed that we would wait to see what Medina and Pingree-Buchanan would do before we proceeded.
- 03/06/13 The Pingree-Buchanan and Medina administrators contacted me to inform me that they were moving forward with a Coop in Girls and Boys Basketball.
- 03/07/13 We sent out a letter to our parents asking them to vote on whether they would want to go with the newly formed Pingree-Buchanan and Medina Coop or pursue a Coop with Napoleon or another district. We also set up another community meeting for March 19, 2013.
- 03/19/13 Brian Bubach from NDHSAA contacted me about Medina asking us for dissolution of our current Coop in Girls Basketball and Boys Basketball since they want to form a new Coop with Pingree-Buchanan school district.
- 03/19/13 We had a community meeting to inform again that the Medina and Pingree-Buchanan Districts have officially formed a Coop. We informed the patrons that the overwhelming consensus from the straw poll was to try and form a new Coop with the Napoleon district.
- 03/20/13 I contacted the Napoleon Supt. Elroy Burekle to inform him of the intentions of the Gackle-Streeter School District in opening up discussions for a possible Coop in Girls and Boys Basketball. He informed me to send him a letter on March 25, 2013 to the Napoleon School Board as to our intentions. He also informed me that they would not be having their regular school board meeting until April 8, 2013. It would not be until this time that he would introduce the letter.
- 03/25/13 I forwarded the letter to Napoleon Supt. Buerkle and he forwarded it to the Napoleon board. He again informed me that they would not act on the letter until the April 8, 2013 regular board meeting in Napoleon.
- 04/12/13 The Gackle-Streeter coop committee members and Napoleon coop committee members met in Napoleon to discuss different issues that would need to worked out if the two schools would coop.

05/10/13 The Gackle Streeter school board rescinded all coops with the Medina district. The email letter was sent to Brian Bubach at the NDHSAA on 05/15/13. The Gackle-Streeter board also approved to coop with Napoleon in VB, BB, GB, Girls Golf, Boys Golf, Girls Track, Boys Track, and baseball for the 2013-2014 school year a beyond.

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