

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

June 4, 2015

Subject:

BHS Winter Activities

Presenter:

Nick Guida

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

None

DESCRIPTION:

- Coaches activity narratives are listed below.
- Updates will be provided regarding MSHSL and Fall Activity Schedule

Boys Swimming (Pam Brophy)

Coach Pam Brophy (6th year head coach 9th year in program)

The 2014-2015 Boys' Swim & Dive season was successful both in terms of participants and personal performances. We had 43 athletes this season, including 18 first time team members. Our dual meet record was 7-2, which is the best in program history. This placed us 3rd in the M-8 Conference and we came up just six points short of beating Conference rival, Monticello. Over the course of the season, three school records were broken, and our Top 15 Lists were updated with 29 improved times.

Our JV athletes had an outstanding season with 35 of them dropping time at JV Championships. During Sections, three new school records were set, 44 of our Varsity athletes dropped time, and we had a record 21 medal winners. Hunter Brings, a 10th grader, placed 3rd in Diving to advance to the State meet where he placed 20th. This was Hunter's third consecutive trip to State, which is a first for our program. Charlie Bean took second in the 200 Free, with a State Qualifying time of 1:45.74. This re-broke a school record Charlie had set earlier in the season. At State, Charlie finished 18th, which is a great way for this 9th grader to finish out his season. We had six athletes selected for All Conference and two for Honorable Mention, in addition to having eight members of our program earn All Academic Awards. Our team also earned a M-8 Gold Standard Academic award for the first time in five years. We held our 6th annual Alumni Fun Fest over Winter Break and had 12 former athletes join us for swimming, diving, and a poolside pizza party. Boys Swim & Dive also hosted our 5th Annual Border Battle Invitational Swim & Dive Meet, and had a mid-winter "Hawaiian" dual meet with Watertown. Our team dedicated this season to a KICK Cancer initiative to support a parent on our team who is dealing with Stage IV Breast Cancer. As a result of our Kick-A-Thon, t-shirt, bracelet, and Chuck-A-Duck efforts, we were able to donate \$3500 to the Randy Shaver Cancer Research and Community Fund.

Even though we are graduating 6 talented athletes, our strong core of young swimmers and divers give us much reason to be excited about the 2015-16 season!

Boys Hockey (Aaron Johnson)

The boys hockey team had a very successful 2014-2015 season. The team finished with an overall record of 15-11. In Mississippi 8 play, the Bison finished in second place, one game behind leader STMA. The Bison's conference record was 10-2. The Bison and STMA faced off in the last conference game of the year. The winner of the game would be named Mississippi 8 champs. The team was led by six seniors this season. The seniors were Gunnar Goodmanson, (Captain) Reed Morehouse (captain), Jake Ramsey, Jerame Schuetzle, Tim Pearson, and James McNamara. Goodmanson, Morehouse, Ramsey, and Schuetzle were all named to the Mississippi 8 All-Conference team. Joining them on the All-Conference Honorable Mention team were McNamara, Junior Kevin Kemp, and Sophomore Nick Mueller. The team earned as the number 4 seed in section 8 for the playoffs. It was the first time since 2009 that the Bison hosted a home playoff game. The Bison played host to Brainerd. The Bison ran into a hot goalie and came up on the short end of a 5-2 game. The Bison outshot Brainerd 39-14 for the game but were not able to put many past the Brainerd goalie. The 36 members of the Boys Hockey team had a great experience and learned many valuable life and hockey lessons. The varsity team finished with a team GPA of 3.74 during the quarters of the hockey season. The boys were positive leaders around school and represented our program with class.

Girls Hockey (Ray Dahlof)

The Bison Girls' Hockey team had its best year in the program's 10 year history. The Bison won the Mississippi 8 Conference Championship with its 2nd straight undefeated season at 11-0. In the inaugural year of selecting M-8 Players of the Year, the Bison had two players voted in out of three positions. Junior, Abby Halluska, of Delano was selected as the M-8 Forward of the Year and Buffalo Junior, Allison Roethke, was selected M-8 Defenseman of the Year. Halluska has committed to play Division 1 hockey at Bemidji State University and Roethke has committed to play Division 1 hockey at Quinnipiac University!

The biggest accomplishment of this year's team was winning the Section 8AA Championship and advancing to its first State Tournament! The Bison's Thursday afternoon game against 3rd ranked Edina set a new State Tournament attendance record. The schools and communities of Buffalo, Delano, Maple Lake and Rockford showed their support as over 4700 fans were in attendance at the game. The Bison students filled around 25 buses to go to the Xcel Energy Center. The Bison played well but lost a close game to Edina 3-1. Buffalo senior goalie, Kendra Carlson, was selected to the All-Tournament team!

The Bison had the most wins in a season at 21. Six players were named to the All-Conference team; Kendra Carlson, Ashley Effertz, Abby Halluska, Madi Jewell, Kirsten Olson and Allison Roethke. In addition to Halluska and Roethke committing to Division 1 programs, Ashley Effertz will play college hockey at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and Kirsten Olson will play at Bethel University. Madi Jewell has committed to play golf at Minnesota State-Mankato.

The Junior Varsity team also had its best season ever posting a 21-2-2 overall record, also the best season record in 10 years, posting 13 shut out wins! Many of these players also saw varsity action during the season.

Dance Team (Kaitlin White)

The Buffalo High School Dance Team finished its 3rd season with their best team scores during the section tournament. The team worked hard since the beginning of the season and gained points each week at various competitions and conference meets.

The team graduated one Senior, Sarah Nowezki and two foreign exchange students, Lydia Bouaddou and Chiara Mangogna. Senior Captain Sarah Nowezki has been a part of the team since its start during the 2012-13 season. The team will greatly miss her.

Throughout the summer and the season, the girls participated and volunteered in many community events including, the Buffalo Days Fly In and Car Show, the Buffalo Triathlon and a Cookout at Coborns. The girls volunteered at the food shelf, working on landscaping and cleaning up the outside area. The team also traveled to Kimball to volunteer at the Kimball Mudman Race.

The Dance Team hosted the 2nd Annual Bison Dance Team Kid's Clinic in February. The team invited students from grades 1-5 to join the dance team where they learn a dance, have a pizza party and then perform at the Varsity Girls Basketball game. Numbers of participants were record high this year with 67 students from around the community attending the clinic! It was such a fun night!

Overall it was a great season! Head Coach Kaitlin White resigned after this season and the team is in the process of hiring a new Head Coach in order to get ready for tryouts and summer practice.

Girls Basketball (Scot Sorenson)

Coach Scot Sorenson, Asts. Jeff Kylonen, Stacy Eggers, Jenn Sheedy, and Nate Doimer:

The 2014–15 Buffalo Bison Girls Basketball team came into the season with three senior returning starters and plans to compete for the M-8 title. Carolyn Feddema, Anika Fredrick, and Chloe Boster have been starter/key contributors since their sophomore year, along with Payton Speckel, Maddie Wagner, and Morgan Warner we had a solid group of seniors on and off the court. The Bison earned a couple of section road wins at Moorhead and St. Cloud Tech. They had only two losses going into the holiday tournament, both came at the hands of top 5 teams in the state; Chanhassen and Orono. They started the Alex tournament with an exciting, but tough 2OT loss to the home team then defeated Armstrong on day two. In the second year of the strong M-8 conference the Bison started with three home games. They won the first game and swallowed tough defeats to STMA and Rogers in the second two. They came back to win quite a few games and finish third just behind STMA and Rogers. Midwinter, the Bison had one of the most exciting games at Brainerd. Down by 5+ points much of the game they made a late surge to take the lead. The Warriors got a put back with 7 seconds left to take a one point lead.

After a time-out Carolyn Feddema took the inbounds pass and went coast to coast for a 15 foot jumper that rimmed out, but the whistle blew. Carolyn was fouled and went to the line for two shots with only a tenth of a second left. The senior and team MVP went to the line and calmly made them both for another big section road win. Seeded fourth, Buffalo won their first section playoff game since 2012 and again faced STMA in the second round. We put up a good fight in the first half, but a solid STMA sealed it in the second half and the season was complete. The Bison ended with a record of 16-12, had two all-conference players Feddema and Anika Fredrick, and two all-conference honorable mention sophomores Cadyn Luedemann and Hailey Sorenson. The 2014–15 Captains were Carolyn Feddema, Payton Speckel, and Chloe Boster. We had five players make the All-Conference Academic team. We also lost four excellent

senior managers, Leah Mussell, Shelby Singer, Alyse Shelby, and Skye Jenson. The JV, under the leadership of Jeff Kyllonen, had a very strong year with a very good late season win streak. That has all of us looking forward to the 2015-16 season.

Boys Basketball (Nick Guida)

Varsity Coach: Nick Guida— (12th year as head coach, 18th in program)

Varsity Assistant: Ross Mjelde (12th)

Varsity Assistant: Todd Bouman (2nd)

B Squad: Josh Ortmann (4th)

9th Grade: Mike Curry (4th)

9th Grade: Ron Spier (2nd)

The 2014-15 Boys Basketball campaign was one of highs and lows and they happened throughout the course of our season. Finishing with a 12-15 record is sort of an anomaly from the previous 10 years. With that said, our kids came to practice each day to get better. We were very pleased on how the kids practiced and often times those practice habits pay off in game situations. As referenced earlier, when they did pay off, we looked like a team that could really contend for a championship. Our struggles were staying consistent nightly and getting the right combination of kids on the floor.

In M-8 Conference play, we finished with a 7-6 record good for a 5th place finish. Our play during the regular season garnered us a 5th place seed for the Section 8AAAA playoffs against #4 Elk River. Our kids played really well during that section playoff game but came up just short losing 73-70, ending our season. We graduate seven seniors from the team this year. They are: Bo Bauman (Injured), Zach Dahl, Jared High, Matt Laidlaw, Jonathan Senger, Taylor Spier, and Cory Thielman.

One significant highlight to the season would be winning the Section 8AAAA and State AAAA Academic Championships for the 2nd time in 3 years. We've always prided ourselves in getting it done in the classroom first and foremost and it's great for the kids to be recognized for their hard work!

It's always tough to say goodbye to the seniors. They are all prepared and ready for life after their time at Buffalo High School. Our younger kids are eager to improve this off season and get back on track during the 2015-16 season. Updated awards and statistics can be found at bisonhoops.com.

Gymnastics (Martha Driscoll Nelson)

Martha Driscoll-Nelson (31 years), Shannon Doyle (2 years), Danielle Des Marais (first year full time, was a part-time volunteer coach last season)

During the winter season of 2014-2015, the Bison Gymnastics Team had some ups and downs, finishing with a 2W/6L record for both the varsity and JV, mostly due to injury and absence of some key team members. At the conclusion of the season, however, some athletes began to heal from injuries and their teammates showed some real focus in scoring the highest team scores of the year at the last conference meet with Cambridge-Isanti, the JV Conference Tourney, and at the Section 8AA meet. The Section Meet was indeed a triumph as the Bison finished 3rd ahead of 4 teams which had been ranked higher during the regular season. We sent one athlete, Alex Zeiss, to the state tournament as the section floor exercise champion! Alex's performance at the section meet added her name to the Bison Gymnastics Record Book as one of the top 5 highest scoring gymnasts on floor exercise ever. Another highlight at the Section Meet was the

announcement that the Buffalo gymnasts had won the academic championship. Including the entire team, these girls had over a 3.8 GPA cumulative.

Other notable accomplishments included Mississippi 8 Conference awards as well. Another Academic Championship here and Zeiss named All Conference on the floor exercise, as well as three athletes with Honorable Mention recognition: Mallorie Habisch on the vault, Rachel Haas on the balance beam, and Natalie Heuton on floor exercise. In addition, the Junior Varsity set new all-time JV team event score records in the balance beam and floor ex.

The coaching staff, however, was especially proud of the compliment the athletes received at the St. Francis versus Buffalo contest. The officials commented on the team's positive attitude toward teammates, opponents, and judges alike and the girls' "classy" behavior. The coaches were also impressed by the gymnasts' effort to compete "clean" routines which showed off their strengths to the best of their abilities.

The team is young, losing only one senior to graduation, Crystal Malewicki, who has been with the program since 7th grade. 2015-2016 looks bright for Bison Gymnastics.

Wrestling (Jason Maurer)

The Buffalo Wrestling team had a very successful season. With a 14-9 record, the Bison were able to have their first winning season in several years. Finally able to fill a full 14 weight classes, the team shined in many duals and individual tournaments. As well as finishing with a winning record, there were many individual successes as well. The 9th grade team sent six individuals to the 9th grade state tournament. Riley Habisch and Caleb Drews both were champions, while Ryan Dugan, Brock Tutchenhagen, Jesse Buhmann, and Jackson Reay all were second. At the 9th grade state tournament Riley Habisch finished in 5th, Caleb Drews in 3rd, and Jackson Reay in 6th. Two wrestlers finished with All Conference Honors- Adam Treptau at 220 pounds and Hunter Durand at 195. Jared Meyer, Cole Scherber, Wyatt Jacobson Hanson, Jacob Scherber, and Robert Sahli all finished with All-Conference Honorable Mention. The Bison went into sections seeded 5th. This is huge all in itself because in previous years the Bison entered section play towards the bottom. The Bison faced Wayzata in the first round and lost 34-30. A big loss was HWT Robert Sahli being out with a concussion. Individual Sections saw the Bison sending three wrestlers to the state tournament and placing 11 of 13 wrestlers entered in the tournament. 8th grader Riley Habisch finished in 2nd place, qualifying for his first state tournament. Senior Hunter Durand also finished in 2nd and made his first trip to the Xcel. Junior Adam Treptau won his 3rd section 6AAA title as he qualified for his 4th trip to state. Charlie DesMarais, Jacob Scherber, Caleb Drews, and Brandon Schreifels all narrowly missed qualifying for state, both finishing in 3rd place. Cole Scherber finished in 4th place, Robert Sahli finished in 5th, and Wyatt Jacobson Hanson and Fletcher Durand finished in 6th. Riley Habisch was able to win his first match at state, but lost his next two matches. Hunter Durand lost his first match and since his opponent lost his next match he was eliminated from the tournament. Adam Treptau had a fantastic state tournament. Although he lost his first match, he was able to win the next five matches and wrestle all the way back to place 3rd. Adam had a fantastic season, finishing with a 41-2 record. Adam also finished the season with 148 total wins, making him Buffalo Wrestling's All Time win leader.

The Booster club helped sponsor a night to thank the first responders that helped save Coach Maurer's life this past summer. The Bison squared off against rival Monticello at BHS on December 11th. Both Buffalo and Monticello coaches and wrestlers all wore Maurer Strong T-shirts. The Bison were able to defeat the Magic 52-29. A significant match in the dual came at

HWT, where Robert Sahli pinned Brent Riddle of Monticello. Robert was down early and fought back to win. The significance of this win is Riddle ended up being the AA HWT state champion. It was an amazing ending to an amazing night.

ATTACHMENT(S):

BHS Winter Activities Participation Report 2014-15