

School Board Approves Plan to Combine Local Football Teams

By John Sandstrom

At last week's school board meeting, the board approved a two-year cooperative agreement between Silver Bay and Two Harbors that will allow any varsity level football players in Silver Bay to join the Two Harbors program.

Kelly Ollila, Activities Director at William Kelley said, "we just don't have enough football players ready to play at a varsity level. We have had meetings with players and parents and clearly there was concern over playing student-athletes where they 'just aren't physically ready to play.' If we had put together a team and had to cancel a day or two before a game because we didn't have enough players, it wouldn't be fair to anyone." Following is an excerpt from Ms. Ollila's presentation to the Lake Superior School Board:

"Silver Bay High School has found itself in an unfortunate place within our football program. Currently we do not have enough student-athletes participating to field a varsity

team for the 2022 season. After a meeting between Silver Bay and Two Harbors Administrators, Athletic Directors and Head Coaches, we feel that it would be in the students' best interests to join the Two Harbors football program where students have the ability to continue to compete, develop skills and build relationships within our district."

Ollila concluded by saying, "We are very appreciative that Coach Nelson and the Agates will provide an opportunity for those players ready for varsity football to have a place to compete." The Mariners are expected to send five to six players to join the Agates.

Ward Kaiser, Mariner Head Coach said, "It was not an easy decision, but we are confident we will be playing again in a few years. We have classes coming up with some better numbers." Kaiser will remain in Silver Bay and work with the junior high kids along with assistant coach Jamie Otterblad. Kaiser commented, "We have close to twenty seventh and eighth graders who have said they are planning on playing this year so we'd like to be-

lieve we can be back playing nine-man football in a few years."

One of the big factors in the decision was concern over playing freshmen in a varsity game. Kaiser commented, "With the concern over concussions and injury, it is tough to put kids out there that just aren't physically ready to play varsity football. I can understand the concern of parents. We want the kids to have a good experience. We appreciate the opportunity for our players to join the Agates."

There have been numerous changes in the nine-man football landscape over the past few years. For example, Floodwood dropped their program and are now combined with Cromwell. Northeast Range (Babbitt & Tower-Soudan) dropped their program and are now combined with Ely. Wrenshall and Carlton merged their programs two years ago and currently there is doubt they will be able to field a team this year even after being combined.

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