

## Coaches Unhappy With Proposed Changes To Handbook

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that he had warned them that he would lose football players because of the handbook, which he said instills discipline in the athletes. Board member Erasmo Mata said he had noticed more discipline in the football players.

Perryman said he started with 20 football players and at the time of the meeting, he had 12.

It seems that when Romero and Perryman removed an athlete because of a violation of the policy, they got a signature from the athlete documenting this. Oglesby, according to Romero, did not, thinking that the policy does not require such a signature.

Romero said that the coaches feel that the handbook has made a lot of difference. She said that the draft is not to their liking. She added that there are lots of hard feelings and that many athletes are unhappy that they had followed the policies, and yet, this boy was allowed to violate

them without any repercussion. "We don't know how to respond to these athletes. Where do we go from here?"

Board President Elodia Rodriguez said that she had talked with Stormer over the phone and he said that the handbook is a "work in progress." She said that it can be a legal liability by having rigid numbers as to number of practices missed, etc., and that coaches have to use their discretion at times. She said that Stormer does not recommend having rigid numbers. Romero asked, "Why can't we?"

Rodriguez: "It should be your discretion."

Board member Mata asked the two coaches if they have the AD's support. Perryman said, "Not with this."

Romero said that we don't have anybody else to talk to. She is not happy that the superintendent and the AD are the same person. Last year, Rosser

volunteered to be the Athletic Director.

Romero asked, "What am I supposed to tell the kids?" She said that since this athlete will be allowed to play basketball, some of the other athletes don't want to play. She also mentioned that she had been told by a mother of a male athlete that she is considering pursuing the matter with a lawyer since her son had complied with the handbook, even quitting his job to be able to attend practices.

*The Pulse* understands that there will be a person-on-person meeting among Rosser and the coaches.

The Board took no action on the draft version of the handbook.



## Love Fund Established For Dawson Smith

A love fund has been set up at Centennial Bank in Hart for Dawson Wayne Smith, nine-month old grandson of David and Pat Smith.

Dawson lives in Lubbock with his parents, Zachary and Michaela Smith. Zachary is Youth and Family Pastor at Oakwood Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Dawson was born with health problems. Pat says he is considered legally blind, and suffers from seizures. He has some brain damage, she adds. He has two siblings, Deacon Michael, 7, and Darvi Jean, 4.



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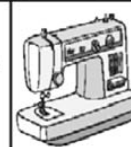
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