

AGENDA

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW GLARUS
CURRICULUM, SPORTS, AND CO-CURRICULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022
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NEW GLARUS, WISCONSIN 53574
6:30 PM**

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Consider Dissolving Football Co-op with Monticello** **2**

Football Co-op and Conference Realignment Proposal

Recommendation to Dissolve NGM Co-op in 2024 and Apply for Conference Realignment:

Over the years it has regularly come up about whether we should continue to co-op with Monticello for football. The challenge has been that Monticello's numbers have continued to decline over the years and they are contributing very few players to our co-op program. At the same time, our enrollments are combined to determine conference and playoff placement, which gives us a significant disadvantage. Many conversations have occurred with Monticello administration, staff, parents, and students about strategies to try to improve participation, but the numbers continue to decline. What is bringing this to a head right now is that two years ago NGM Football was placed in a challenging conference, in large part due to our combined enrollment, and this year we were moved to a brutal conference with many state championship teams including Edgewood, Lodi, Lake Mills, Lakeside Lutheran, Columbus, and others.

Although on the surface the Capitol Conference seems like an appropriate conference due to NGM's combined enrollment size as well as location and distance from other Capitol Conference schools, it is definitely a safety issue for our students to be playing in this conference because we do not have the strength in numbers that the other schools do and we get so few students from Monticello. Additionally, we believe that if we continue in this conference, our football numbers may continue to decline, possibly rapidly, because of safety concerns.

We have talked with many influential people about this issue including staff from WIAA, a member of the WIAA Board of Control, members of the Realignment Task Force, and other ADs from around the state who have been through this process. Basically, if we continue as a co-op, it is very likely we will have to stay in the Capitol Conference because our combined enrollment and distance to other schools on paper looks like a good fit with the Capitol. If, on the other hand, New Glarus goes on our own, our enrollment is only 300-325, which is far less than the enrollment of other schools in the Capitol Conference and we would very likely get moved to a new conference. Therefore, for all of the reasons above, the recommendation of the New Glarus Administration is to not renew the football co-op for 2024, and apply for conference realignment.

Conversations with Monticello have occurred at length over several years about dissolving the co-op, and on July 5th, strong, serious conversations began occurring between the Superintendents of both schools about dissolving the co-op beginning in 2024. The future of Monticello football has been a concern of ours all along, and after Monticello was given notice on July 5th, they have had the opportunity to be exploring options for the 2024-25 season, which include:

- Finding a different co-op or triad to be part of,
- Starting an 8-man football team either on their own or as a co-op,
- Waiting and using the Fast Track option in the coming year once the realignment plan is published. The fast-track option only needs conference approval, so Monticello could wait and see how all of the realignment pieces land by late winter/spring, and then in 2023 pursue a fast track option to become a co-op or triad with another district(s) and still offer their students football for 2024 and 2025.

Coming up with the right fit may not be easy or seamless, but the co-op would continue through the 2023 season and there are definitely options for Monticello if the co-op dissolves in 2024.

III. Application for Football Conference Realignment

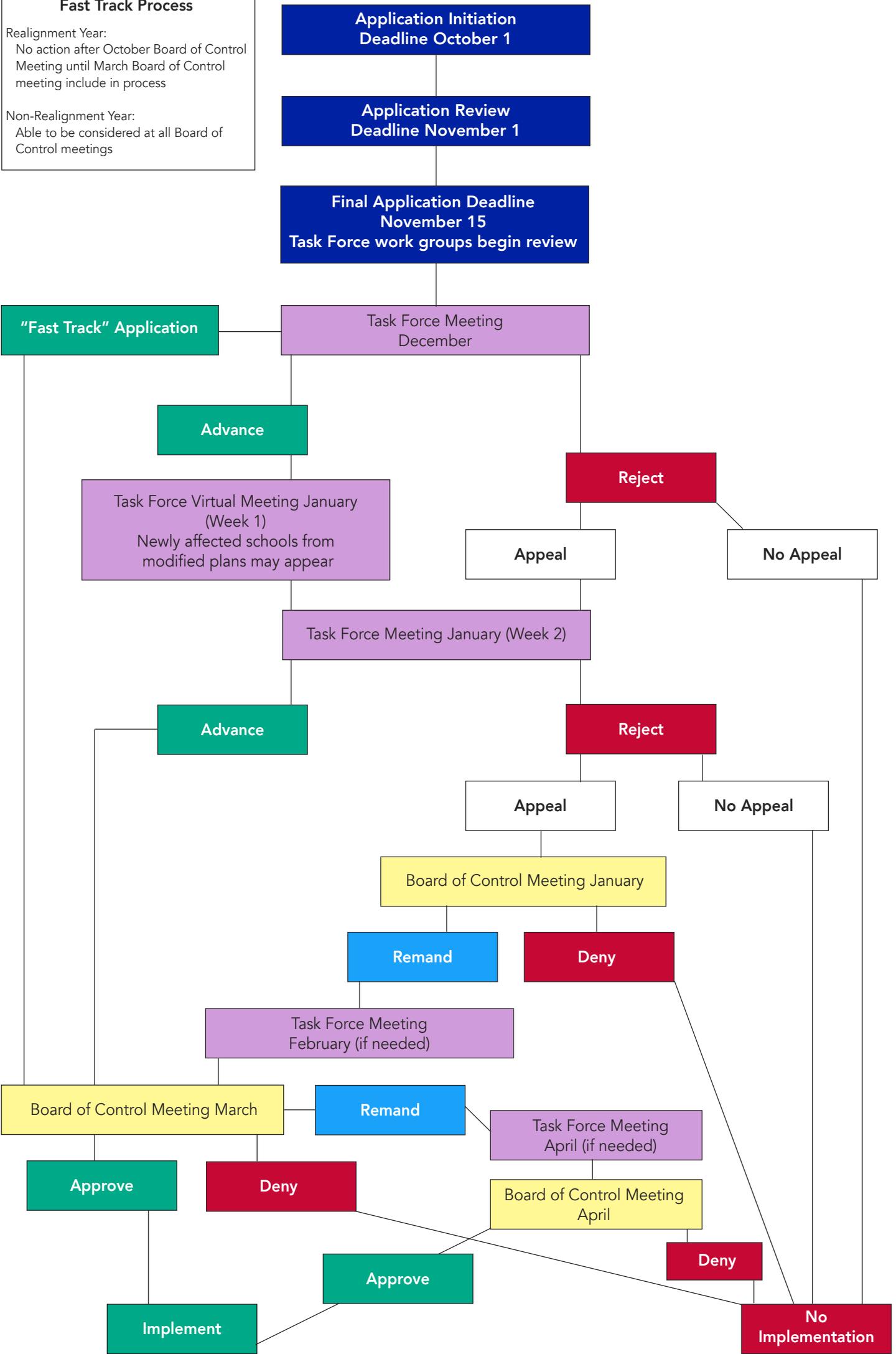
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Conference Realignment Flow Chart

Fast Track Process

Realignment Year:
No action after October Board of Control Meeting until March Board of Control meeting include in process

Non-Realignment Year:
Able to be considered at all Board of Control meetings



IV. Adjourn

PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE LAW, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A QUORUM OR A MAJORITY OF THE NEW GLARUS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING. INFORMATION PRESENTED AT THIS MEETING MAY HELP FORM THE RATIONALE BEHIND FUTURE ACTIONS THAT MAY BE TAKEN BY THE NEW GLARUS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD.

UPON REQUEST TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE, SUBMITTED TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS IN ADVANCE, THE DISTRICT SHALL MAKE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL IN AN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT FOR A DISABLED PERSON TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.