

SHS Football will be decided by voters with referendum in November 2012

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After much debate over whether or not to bring football to Scottsburg High School, a decision has finally been made to resolve the issue. Thanks to a recommendation by Superintendent Philip Deardorff and a committee of parent volunteers, the School Board has chosen to make the issue a referendum.

As a referendum, the voters will decide if the School Corporation will have a football team or not. This vote will happen in the next county-wide election, which will be in November of 2012. If the referendum is passed, then SHS and the Scottsburg Middle School will be able to have a football team.

Dr. Deardorff said putting the decision to a vote seemed like the only way to move forward.

"Part of the problem was that we [the School Corporation] couldn't afford it. The only way we could finance this was to put it to the voters," said Dr. Deardorff.

If the voters decide they want to spend their tax dollars on the football team, then Dr. Deardorff said that football could start the next season after the referendum is passed.

However, one thing Dr. Deardorff is quick to stress is that this referendum will not just benefit those wanting football.

"We wanna do this the right way. This will be for all the students," said Dr. Deardorff..

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The referendum will also benefit other sports, with all the needs of the students taken into account.

Even though putting forward the referendum may advance the discussion, not all are convinced that the vote will lead anywhere.

Adam Philips, freshman, doesn't have high hopes. "I don't think it will get passed. I don't think they will add a sport when they're laying off teachers."

Regardless, when winter of 2012 rolls around, it will finally be seen whether or not football is destined for Scottsburg.

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