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Dallas School Board President Catherine Wega adjourns the special meeting held to discuss the football coach position.

Dallas football coach job still open

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The Dallas School Board voted early Wednesday morning to keep the position of head football coach open. The vote came two days after a lengthy hearing for former coach Ted Jackson Sr.

The board considered two resolutions. One was to rescind the motion made on Dec. 12, 2011, which opened the head football coaching position to the public. The other was to affirm that original motion.

The board voted 3-5 against the first resolution with board members Richard Coslett, Bruce Goeringer and Fred Parry voting for reinstating Jackson and Catherine Wega, Maureen Matiska, Larry Schuler, Karen Kyle and Charles Preece voting against the resolution.

The board voted 6-2 for the second resolution to keep the position open with Wega, Coslett, Matiska, Schuler, Kyle and Preece voting for the action and Parry and Goeringer voting against it.

The votes does not mean that Jackson is out completely. He re-

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portedly is one of four candidates being considered for the position.

Board member Colleen Slocum was unable to vote on Wednesday because she did not attend the hearing for Jackson on Monday.

"Normally, board members do vote if they're not here for something but because of the nature of this and the significance of it, Mrs. Slocum will not be voting because

she was out of state on a previously-planned activity," said board president Wega.

Coslett said he voted for reinstating Jackson because he felt his "side was well-stated" at the hearing on Monday, but then voted in favor of keeping the position open because the first resolution had

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JoePa remembered at PSU/WB site

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Students on the Penn State University Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township are mourning the loss of "one of their own" after the recent passing of long-time football coach Joe Paterno.

Jackie Warnick-Piatt, director of student activities, and members of the student government association jumped into action once they heard the news that Paterno had passed away due to complications from lung cancer treatments on Jan. 22.

"Within a half hour, we must have contacted about 500 people," she said. "It's amazing what you can do with technology."

Warnick-Piatt contacted students, faculty, staff members and alumni to wage a final "white out" on campus, asking supporters to wear white in honor of Paterno.

She also made buttons with Paterno's likeness on them to hand out in exchange for donations to the Special Olympics of Pennsylvania and Penn State THON programs, as per a request from the Paterno family.

"These were his charities," said Warnick-Piatt.

Mourners also were given the opportunity to sign sympathy cards, which will be sent to the Paterno family.

Sarah Konopki, of Dallas, signed several sympathy cards in honor of the late coach on Monday, Jan. 23.

"When I heard, I was really upset," she said. "I almost didn't believe it...I think it hits just as hard here as it does University



Sarah Konopki, of Dallas, signs a sympathy card for coach Joe Paterno's family at Penn State Wilkes-Barre in Lehman.

Park."

Many students wore white on Jan. 23 after a moment of silence was held for the late coach near the Nittany Lion statue on campus.

"I feel in lieu of everything that's happened in the last two months, students needed a way to grieve healthily," said Kate Lewis, student government association vice president.

In November, news broke of child sex abuse charges filed against former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky. Paterno was abruptly fired by the board of trustees soon after the scandal surfaced for not reporting the abuse to police, though he was not charged with any crimes.

Lewis, of the Poconos, said the Wilkes-Barre campus had special

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LOOK AT 'EM GO!



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David Kottler left, of Harveys Lake, and Steven Kollar, of Trucksville, retrieve their pinewood racers after a heat held during Cub Scout Pack 155's Annual Pinewood Derby. For story and additional photos, please turn to page 3.



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Buttons sporting the likeness of coach Joe Paterno are on display at Penn State Wilkes-Barre. Proceeds benefit the Special Olympics and Penn State THON.

Calling all Giants, Patriots fans! We want to hear from you

The New York Giants and the New England Patriots will go head-to-head against each other in Super Bowl XLVI on Sunday, Feb. 5 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN. Super Bowl XLVI will be the sixth Super Bowl in which the

two teams compete against each other in a Super Bowl match up as they previously met in Super Bowl XLII. Both head coaches (Tom Coughlin and Bill Belichick) and both starting quarterbacks (Eli Manning and Tom Bra-

dy) return from Super Bowl XLII. Do you consider yourself a die-hard fan of either team? The Dallas Post would like to hear from you about your team. Call us (675-5211) or e-mail news@mydallaspost.com.



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