



**Board of Education
Student Activities and Athletics
Committee**

(Minutes from 2/9/23 meeting)

February 9, 2023

Time 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Board of Education Room

Present: Ms. Baron, Mr. Bufalini, Ms. Lucasey (ex-officio), Mr. Klaich, Mr. Slentz, Suzi Brunenavs (community member)

Meeting convened at 6:03pm.

1. Framing the work

Committee

- a. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved by all members

2. Review of Committee Purposes and Goals

Committee

The committee briefly discussed the previously established Committee Structure and Function document. Mr. Slentz noted that a number of areas addressed in that document were on tonight's agenda.

3. Updates and Recommendations

Administration

- a. Progress on District Goals

- i. *By June 2023, the District will develop a **Wellness Framework** for how we are explicitly addressing/supporting student and staff wellness. (Policy 5405)*

1. *Districtwide committee*
2. *Comprehensive counseling plan work*
3. *BEMAS data*

Mr. Slentz updated the committee on progress towards this goal which would include each of these items. Administration will work on establishing the districtwide committee which will include two Board members and will focus on this goal.

- b. Unified Sports Planning

Mr. Klaich updated the committee on progress towards the establishment of two unified sports for the spring season – bowling and basketball. Unified sports teams are co-ed and focus on students with disabilities and a general education partner player. Partner players cannot be a member of the varsity team of that sport during the regular season, but all students can play a support role in other ways. Mr. Klaich described the season and practice schedule for each sport and the positive response that he had received from staff who were interested in coaching these two sports.

- c. Interscholastic Ice Hockey

i. Modified –

Mr. Klaich explained that he had received a communication from the parents of modified-aged students who were requesting that the district seek ways to establish a modified hockey team. Mr. Klaich has surveyed area school district athletic directors and found that none were interested in establishing a merger for this age group. Larger school districts who have such programs would require additional and likely extensive travel and administration is not recommending that we move this request forward at this time. Mr. Klaich will communicate with the parents accordingly.

ii. Varsity –

Mr. Slentz and Mr. Klaich explained the history of the merged sport in the District. There have been a number of years, for example, where the District did not have any students participating. Administration also discussed charging for participation in the sport which, unlike any other of our sports, merged or otherwise, requires the rental of ice time which is very expensive. Administration noted that a decision would have to be made as to whether we will continue to offer this merged sport opportunity or look to other sports that may provide more opportunity to more students. This will be discussed with the finance committee related to the budget development process.

d. Concussion Protocols in the Classroom

i. Return to Learn protocols –

Mr. Slentz and Mr. Klaich reviewed the current concussion management protocols including the functioning of the Concussion Management Team and the protocols that are sent from the nurse to classroom teachers after a student sustains a concussion. However, we know a great deal more about the impact of concussions, that each one can look very different depending on a number of factors, and that teachers need consistent direction in managing students with concussions. The Committee discussed the background documents that were provided and how we might proceed with the establishment of “Return to Learn” protocols that would parallel the Return to Play protocols that we already have in place. Administration will discuss this with our District Physician, Dr. Hough, and determine next steps. We will then discuss the issue with the Board’s Policy Committee.

e. Chronic Absenteeism –

The committee discussed the recent reports regarding chronic absenteeism in each building, what constituted chronic absenteeism as compared to the District attendance policy, and efforts that were being made to address absenteeism. This will be an ongoing discussion with the committee.

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| 4. Other | Committee |
| 5. Next meeting Date | Committee |
| a. TBD | |
| 6. Adjourn | Committee |

The meeting adjourned at 7:06p.m.