



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

March 17, 2025

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Minutes

Board of Education Room

Committee Members: P. Sullivan Nunes, B. Bass, A. Klaich, K. Slentz

The meeting convened at 3:45 p.m.

1. Framing the work

Committee

- a. Review and approval of agenda

The committee accepted the agenda.

2. Discussion Items

Committee

- a. Student athlete participation 2023-24 and 2024-25

A. Klaich shared with the board that 66% of students in grades 9-12 participated in at least one sport in the 2023-24 school year. Participation in the first two seasons this year has been high and spring registration numbers look very promising. A. Klaich will report back to the committee once the season is underway and students have committed to their respective programs.

- b. Chronic Absenteeism 2024-25

K. Slentz provided an overview of the latest data from NYS that shows our federal accountability student subgroups (ELL, Special Education, Economically Disadvantaged) continue to have higher levels of absenteeism than our All Student accountability category. MTSS teams are working to further disaggregate the data to determine how many missed days can be explained by known illnesses, appointments, etc. The committee will discuss changes to the attendance component of the state and federal accountability process at the next meeting.

- c. NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete status 2024-25

A. Klaich shared that all athletic teams for the fall and winter seasons qualified for NYSPHSAA scholar-athlete status as at least 75% of the team had a GPA of 90% or above.

- d. Proposed new sports for 2025-26

A. Klaich is requesting the addition of a modified indoor track for the 2025-26 school year. The finance committee will discuss this request further.

- e. Concussion management

Administration reviewed potential changes to the district's return to play and return to learn practices based on recent guidance from the National Federation of High School Sports. Administration is consulting with the district medical director to determine the next steps.

- f. HPEA staffing update

- i. PE staffing
- ii. Athletic Trainer

Administration updated the committee on the recruitment and hiring process for physical education teachers. Two hundred fifty-eight applications were received. K. Slentz anticipates providing recommendations for appointments at the April 8 board meeting.

g. BIMAS Data Analysis

K. Slentz shared that all buildings recently administered the Behavior Intervention Monitoring Assessment System screener to their students. Building teams are analyzing the data and sharing it with staff. Staff will use this information to provide targeted support to students to help minimize behavioral obstacles to their learning.

h. District Calendar forecast for 2026-27

- i. Labor Day 2026 is 9/7
- ii. Holiday status
- iii. Total student days

Administration reviewed the 2026-27 draft calendar and the possible challenges presented by a late Labor Day. The committee and the internal planning team will work on options for the calendar including when students and staff will start the school year.

3. **Other** *Committee*

4. **Next meeting Date** *Committee*

5. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.