



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

October 21, 2025

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Board of Education Room

Minutes

Present: S. Reddy, M. Walker, B. Bass (ex-officio), and K. Slentz

The committee convened the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

1. Framing the work

Committee

- a. Review and approval of agenda

The committee approved the agenda.

- b. Review of committee structure and function

The committee reviewed the structure and function document and added a goal for communication and engagement with the athletics program.

2. Discussion Items

Committee

- a. Student co- and extracurricular participation

- i. Athletics participation fall 2025

K. Slentz noted that 40% of students in grades 7-12 are participating in at least one sport during the fall season. This is slightly below the prior year, when 42% participated. The committee discussed the reasons for the slight decline, including other sports and club offerings, and the specific sports where a decline was evidenced, notably modified volleyball and soccer.

- ii. Student club participation fall 2025 - *MS and HS will administer student surveys next week. This data will be available at the next SAA committee meeting.*

- b. Proposed student organizations

The committee reviewed a request from Dr. Brown to add a bracelet-making club to Springhurst Elementary. The committee agreed that such a club would be worthwhile.

- c. NYSPHSAA Section 1 update – Schools without Borders

K. Slentz updated the committee on the work being done at the state and section levels to address the inequities and risks of scheduling private and parochial schools against some of our sports teams. The NYS Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) recently adopted changes to post-season play scheduling to promote equitable and competitive balances, but did not address regular-season play. The

Section 1 executive committee will address this at the October 27 meeting. K. Slentz will report back to the committee.

d. **Family engagement options to align with district goal 4**

The committee discussed the district's communications and engagement with parents/guardians of student athletes and added a goal for measuring satisfaction with and determining areas for improvement.

3. **Other**

Committee

The committee discussed the status of Gould Park athletic fields, given the upcoming construction project by the village. Baseball is not expected to be interrupted, but football will have to play at Springhurst for the 2026 season. The committee discussed possible improvements to the Springhurst athletic facilities, including lights, a bathroom and a concessions area, and a press box at the turf field. The facilities committee will also discuss this work.

4. **Next meeting date**

Committee

The committee will meet on Wednesday, November 5, at 4:30 p.m.

5. **Adjourn**

The committee adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.