



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

December 3, 2024

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Board of Education Room

Present: P. Sullivan-Nunes, J. Lucasey, B. Bass (ex officio), A. Klaich, K. Slentz

The meeting convened at 3:50 p.m.

1. Framing the work

Committee

- a. Review and approval of agenda

The committee approved the agenda.

2. Updates and Recommendations

Administration

- a. Fall sport highlights

- i. Student participation

A. Klaich and K. Slentz reported that 43% of students in grades 7-12 are participating in at least one fall sport, which is a slight increase from previous years. A. Klaich reported that each varsity team had a winning record and each team qualified as a NYSPHSAA scholar-athlete team. A. Klaich highlighted the success of the inaugural modified cross country team and reported that for the first time in many years, the district fielded a junior varsity girls' soccer team.

- ii. High school club participation

K. Slentz reported that student participation in co-curricular clubs and activities remains high as indicated by the results of a recent questionnaire issued by high school administration. Student representatives have asked the district to consider a period that is dedicated to clubs that does not interfere with afterschool athletics so that they do not have to choose between the two.

- b. Lights at Springhurst turf project parent meeting

A. Klaich and K. Slentz reviewed the possible options of lighting at the Springhurst athletic fields. The committee discussed the history of why lighting was not considered previously and how the project would not be eligible for NYS building aid. A. Klaich and K. Slentz will meet with a group of parents on Monday, December 9 to discuss this and other facilities projects related to athletics.

- c. Student attendance and chronic absenteeism update – quarter 1

A. Klaich and K. Slentz discussed the first-quarter chronic absenteeism rates for each of our schools. The committee discussed the definition of chronic absenteeism and how the measure may change under the new accountability rules for NYS. A. Klaich and K. Slentz will follow up with attendance staff for answers to questions from committee members.

- d. Athletics budget requests for 2025-26

A. Klaich discussed specific equipment and supply requests with the committee and reported that he may also seek funding to add modified indoor track as a new sport in 2025-26. The committee discussed other merged sports and the recent request for a merger to support students interested in fencing.

e. **Hockey 2025-26 meeting**

A. Klaich and K. Slentz reviewed the cost of supporting the merged varsity hockey team. This year's cost is being paid for through fundraising and donations, and the committee discussed the high per-student cost and whether the district could afford to fund the program in future years. A. Klaich and K. Slentz will meet with interested parents for discussion soon.

3. Other

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4. Next meeting Date

March 18, 2024

Committee

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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