



Education and Programs Committee Minutes September 30, 2021

Committee Purpose

The Committee provides the School Board with a high-level overview of the educational and extra-curricular programming of the district; acts as a sounding board for various potential changes in programming, while providing a conduit of communication and recommendations back to the full School Board.

Committee Leadership

*Maria Hoover, Assistant Superintendent
Linda Johnston, School Board Committee Chair
Jim Maurer, School Board Committee Chair*

Start Time: 5:01 p.m.

Location: Performing Arts Center, Hempfield High School

Attendees:

Board Members: Grant Keener, Linda Johnston, Mike Donato

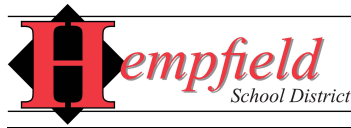
Absent: Jim Maurer, Charles Merris, Chris Smiley, Bill Otto, Dylan Bard, Pat Wagner

Staff: Mike Graham, Tab Musser, Maria Hoover, Jason Hoffman, Carrie Wilson, Alejandro Ramos

Time for Public Comment (5-minute limit per Board Policy 903): None

Agenda Items:

- **Second Step:** Carrie Wilson
 - Social emotional learning experience
 - Web based curriculum for kindergarten through sixth grade across the district
 - Now offered in digital format (new)
 - Digital format adapts to student needs and changes
 - Engaging, led by teachers, has a variety of activities, and is interactive
 - Four units:
 - Growth mindset/goal setting
 - Emotion management
 - Empathy/kindness
 - Problem-solving
 - Units change as the developmental needs of the students change
 - Each unit has five lessons 15-30 minutes (depending on grade level)
 - Board was shown an example of a lesson



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- Staff will be trained
 - Feedback received from teachers and students was positive
 - Upcoming ESSER III grant has large social/emotional work component
 - Funding would come from the Federal grant
 - Next step: Further discussion and training needs
 - Will bring back to the board at a later time
- **Elementary Math Pilot Update:** Jason Hoffman
 - Piloting three different math programs (kindergarten through sixth grade)
 - Each of the companies has given the district office hours from 8 to 8:45 via Zoom
 - Will look at data, teacher feedback and student response in the classroom to make the determination which program is best
- **Pre-K Counts:** Maria Hoover
 - Working with Owl Hill Learning Centers
 - Grant reopened early in the spring of 2020
 - A Pre-K class will be offered in conjunction with Owl Hill to mirror kindergarten
 - Two classes will be offered (morning and afternoon) and will be housed at LPC
 - Program to start on October 25
 - Families need to meet specific criteria (income levels) to qualify (done by Owl Hill)
 - Parents provide transportation to and from the program
 - Breakfast and lunch are provided
- **Musical Proposal:** Alejandro Ramos
 - Presented a proposal to the board for review
 - Looking for official approval at the board meeting on October 12
 - Seeking approval of The Wizard of Oz as the spring musical
 - Health and safety plan (updated from last year)
 - Board requested a budget breakdown for the meeting on October 12

Meeting adjourned: 6:04 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates:

October 28, 2021

November 18, 2021