

Extracurricular Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 25, 2018



Committee Purpose

The Extracurricular Committee provides the board with a venue to consider philosophical, legal, and other information related to HSD extracurricular policies and issues and, when deemed appropriate, to develop position information and/or recommendations to take back to the full board for consideration.

Committee Leadership

*Mr. Dan Forry, School Board Committee Chair
Dr. Tab Musser, Assistant Superintendent*

Start Time: 4:30 pm.

Location: Administration Building, Board Conference Room

Attended:

Board Members: Adam Aloisi, Dan Forry, Charles Merris, Chris Smiley

Administration: Sheryl Pursel, Randy Smith, Steve Polonus, and Tab Musser

Staff: N/A

Other: N/A

Time for Public Comment: No comments

Discussion Items:

1. Hempfield Athletic Hall of Fame

The Extracurricular Committee discussed the history of the Athletic Hall of Fame (AHOF) and some of the challenges currently facing the AHOF. Members of the Board spoke in support of the AHOF and would like to investigate ways to support the AHOF and strengthen district ties. Conversations with current AHOF leadership, the Hempfield Foundation, and district leaders will continue to explore ways to support the AHOF. Potential policy consideration may be discussed at a future Policy Committee Meeting.

2. Athletic Injury Flow Chart

Dr. Polonus, District Athletic Director, discussed and presented two new flow charts. One of the flow charts addresses student injury, while the other flow chart addresses concussions. Both of the charts are included in the coaching manual and help create a common understanding of next steps pertaining to student athlete injuries.

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3. Hazing Prevention Update (Act 31)

Dr. Polonus highlighted hazing prevention materials, discussions, and practices employed by the Athletic Department to prevent hazing. District coaches are the first line of defense against hazing and can encourage positive team culture.

4. Policy 824 Professional Responsibilities (Related to Coaches)

Dr. Polonus discussed the athletic coach application of School Board Policy 824, Professional Responsibilities. He ensures his coaches understand the policy and are aware they are always representing the Hempfield School District.

5. Booster Club Handbook

Dr. Polonus worked hard last summer to create a booster club handbook. This handbook provides guidance to extracurricular booster clubs and reinforces the role of extracurricular activities in the Hempfield School District. He shared sections of the handbook and answered questions from committee members. Dr. Polonus was commended on the completion of this handbook and the way he has partnered with boosters for the benefit of students.

Action Items (if necessary): N/A

Adjournment Time: 5:30

Future Meeting Dates:

- *Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held three times throughout the school year (fall, winter & spring).*
- *Next Meeting is Thursday, January 31 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.*