



# HUGHESVILLE SPARTANS



## Athletic Committee Minutes

February, 25, 2025

6:00PM / HHS Library Conference Room

### I. Facilities:

Fitness Center – Dr. Rodkey updated the committee on progress of having three companies assess the equipment needs of the current fitness center. Proposals are being created from Websters Fitness, Fitness Headquarters, and Stray Dog Strength. In addition, a discussion occurred regarding concerns with continuing public access. It was recommended that public access be discontinued at the end of the 24-25 school year.

Football Stadium Bleacher Design – Dr. Stamm provided renderings of the new stadium bleachers and feedback was received from the committee.

Softball Dugouts – Dr. Stamm provided renderings from the new dugouts and it was determined that the current proposals were too expensive, thus, will need to go with a more affordable option.

### II. Sports:

JH Girls Volleyball – Dr. Rodkey discussed the need for instructional/developmental level volleyball for 7/8<sup>th</sup> grades to support the new varsity program. Starting JH Volleyball play in 2025-26 was supported by the committee.

JH Competitive Cheer – Dr. Rodkey discussed bridging the gap between the Little Spartans & Varsity Cheer team. Dr. Rodkey and current Cheer Coaches will look to add opportunities for JH to start competing again in 2025-26.

Flag Football – A follow-up discussion from 10/2024 occurred. Logistics and feasibility for offering the program were discussed amongst the committee. Will continue to monitor the growth of the program state wide and evaluate interest levels at the school.

Unified Bocce – Dr. Rodkey shared the potential need to offer a sport for individuals in Special & Gifted Education. More research regarding the requirements/equipment needed is being conducted. In addition, Mrs. April Paulhamus, Special & Gifted Education, will be consulted regarding interest from students for starting this program.

### III. Technology:

Live Streaming: HUDL – Dr. Rodkey provided a proposal to the committee asking that the school adds live streaming for our sports programs. ELSD is 1 of 2 schools in the PHAC that does not offer this service. A detailed breakdown of cost is being put together and more discussion with coaches to determine how to cover the cost with the help and support from the school. There was support for adding this service to our community.

### IV. Additional Items:

Coaches Evaluations – Dr. Rodkey provided the committee with the PSADA Standard Coaching Evaluation tool to be used when evaluating coaches.

Athletic Event Access for Students – Dr. Rodkey recommended that the school allows all current ELSD students to be admitted, for free, to all athletic events when providing a valid student ID. Currently only student-athletes get admitted free with ID. The committee was in favor of this change.

Coaching Contracts, Job Descriptions, & Athletic Handbook – Dr. Rodkey is working to create/update these documents for board approval in May 2025.

Supplemental Athletic Training Services from UMPC – Dr. Rodkey shared that the following programs were added since Mr. Duke's hire. New Varsity Teams since Duke's Hire: Cross Country (B/G); Competitive Cheer (Co-Ed); Volleyball (G); Wrestling (G). Dr. Rodkey suggested that we get a proposal from UMPC regarding additional support for Mr. Duke to help with our student-athletes.

Tryouts/Evaluations – From Handbook: Dr. Rodkey discussed that due to roster sizes and skills needed for various programs, that some programs will hold tryouts/evaluations to determine what level to place student-athletes (e.g., JV or Varsity).