



HUGHESVILLE SPARTANS



Athletic Committee Minutes

July 22, 2025

6:00PM / HHS Library Conference Room

I. Facilities:

Fitness Center – Dr. Rodkey shared quotes ranging from \$50K-300K with the committee which included an entire makeover cost vs improving the facility in stages. The athletic department currently has quotes from Fitness Headquarters; Straydog Strength; & Webster's Fitness. There is interest from key stakeholders to update this space.

Banner Update for Gymnasium – Dr. Rodkey shared that the gymnasium banners will be reorganized to ensure the school can highlight as many accomplishments as possible given the available spacing. Designs for new conference/district banners were shared and feedback received. Individual Banners will have missing names updated and the colors will be switched from Green/Gray to Green/White. Banners are in the proofing/editing stage & will be purchased soon.

Event Staff Procedures – Dr. Rodkey shared that we have newer radios that event staff will to use during home events.

II. Sports:

24-25 Sports Recap – Dr. Rodkey shared that the Spartans had one of the best in school history.

- District Teams – Football; Tennis-B & Swim had Individuals compete at districts;
- District & States – Baseball; Competitive Spirit; Cross Country-B/G; Basketball-G; Soccer-G; Softball; Tennis-G; Track & Field-B/G; Wrestling-B/G
- Champions – PHAC Division 3 Track & Field-G; District 4 Wrestling-G
- Individual Accomplishments – 1000 point scorer in Girls Basketball; 6 All-State Student-Athletes (1 Baseball, 1 Girls Basketball, 3 Football, 1 Softball); 1 Individual State Champion in Girls Track & Field.

New Rules – Dr. Rodkey updated the committee on new rules coming in the next year or two.

- 2027 Baseball Season – Double Base at First Base Required
- 2028-29 Basketball Season – Tentative Implementation of 35 Second Shot Clock; Passed first Vote; Will require 4-10K to install & Cost for additional Game Worker

Coaches Meeting – Dr. Rodkey shared the Annual Coaches Meeting for the 25-26 Sports Season was held on June 8.

General Updates & Discussion – Several recommendations were discussed and supported by the committee.

- Varsity – New Head Coaching Changes – Competitive Cheer/Spirit; Wrestling-B
- Dr. Rodkey lead a general discussion regarding “Meet the Spartans” Night(s). Dr. Rodkey spoke with coaches, players, parents, administrators, and fellow Athletic Director's to seek insight for this event. After discussion, it was recommended that the boosters/teams organize these events to ensure interest exists to hold the event and to give teams flexibility in how they want to introduce their teams to the Spartan community. The school will continue to introduce/celebrate sports teams during school assemblies.
- Dr. Rodkey lead a general discussion regarding 9th Grade Boys Basketball. Dr. Rodkey shared that the team had to bring up 9th graders to play with the JV/V team last year and that will most likely be the case again this season. Based on numbers, scheduling, and consistency within the program, there is a strong possibility, the 9th grade program will be added to the JV/V program (9-12) and Junior High (7/8) will remain the same. There was support for the change as it structures our Boys & Girls Basketball programs equally.

III. Technology:

Live Streaming: HUDL – Dr. Rodkey shared that we have a new representative and due to construction/renovations & Wifi Capabilities, the addition of Live Streaming continues to be a work in progress. There is still support for adding this service to our community.

IV. Additional Items:

Supplemental Athletic Training Services from UMPC – Mr. Brian Duke is getting a proposal from UMPC on the cost to add supplemental Athletic Training Support services for our programs.

Discussion Regarding Tasks/Goals for 25-26 – Dr. Rodkey shared some additional goals for 25-26 which include (a) Adding features to “Home of the Spartans” Athletic Website/Social Media; (b) Continue to research adding Unified Bocce; and (c) Researching potential Grants to help with Fitness Center improvements.