

SHARPSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Meeting

August 5, 2021

The special meeting of the Sharpsville Area School Board was held in the Cafeteria at the Sharpsville Area Elementary School on Thursday, August 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with President Jerry Trontel presiding. The following members were present: Ron Barnes, Rosemary Ferguson, Darla Grandy, Nicholas Hanahan, Michael Lenzi, Janice Raykie, Joseph Toth, and Jerry Trontel. Tabitha Smith was absent.

Also present was Superintendent John Vannoy, Business Manager/Board Secretary Jaime Roberts, Solicitor Robert Tesone and guests.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Mr. Hanahan, seconded by Mr. Toth, to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZEN PRESENTATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Jeremy Whalen – Football Co-op
2. Stephen Summers – Football Co-op
3. Gavin Perrine – Football Co-op

PERSONNEL REPORT

Chairperson Janice Raykie recommended the following action:

NEW HIRE - MARINO

There was a motion by Mrs. Raykie, seconded by Mr. Barnes, to hire Evan Marino as a Secondary Social Studies Teacher (Step B-1) for the 2021-2022 school year with salary and benefits as per the SAEA Agreement.

Approved: Barnes, Ferguson, Grandy, Hanahan, Lenzi, Raykie, Toth, and Trontel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

ATHLETIC REPORT

Michael Lenzi recommended the following action:

FOOTBALL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

There was a motion by Mr. Lenzi, seconded by Mrs. Grandy, to approve a cooperative agreement for football with West Middlesex Area School District, the same being attached to and a part of these minutes.

Approved: Barnes, Ferguson, Grandy, Hanahan, Lenzi, Raykie, and Trontel

Opposed: Toth

Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Vannoy recommended the following action:

**REVISED PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ARP ESSER
HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN**

There was a motion by Mrs. Grandy, seconded by Mrs. Raykie, to approve the revised Pennsylvania Department of Education ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan, the same being attached to and a part of these minutes.

Approved: Barnes, Ferguson, Grandy, Hanahan, Lenzi, Raykie, Toth, and Trontel

Opposed: None

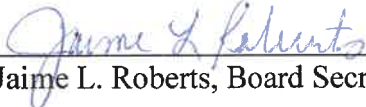
Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion by Mrs. Raykie, seconded by Mrs. Ferguson, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Jaime L. Roberts, Board Secretary

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NAME Jeremy Whalen
RESIDENCE 637 S. 9th St. Sharpsville, PA 16150
DATE 8/5/21

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Stephen Summers

RESIDENCE

Sharpsville - Squirt Py

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NAME

Gavin Ferrine

RESIDENCE

613 South Walnut

DATE

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Declined
to speak

NAME

Joe Miller

RESIDENCE

440 S MILLER AVE

DATE

8/5/21

**AGREEMENT by and between SHARPSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Board of Education) and WEST MIDDLESEX AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Board of Education)**

WHEREAS: The Sharpsville Board of Education & West Middlesex Area Board of Education agree to enter into a cooperative agreement in the sport of football for the 2021-22 school year.

WHEREAS: Students in grades 7-12 that are enrolled within the West Middlesex Area School District will be permitted to participate in the football program (Junior High and JV/Varsity) within the Sharpsville School District.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT: Starting 2021-2022 school year through the end of the next two -year cycle (2023-2024) and shall automatically renew until terminated for each additional two-year cycle. This renewal shall automatically occur on July 1st.

Impact of a Combined Program:

The Sharpsville Area School District recognizes that a cooperative agreement with the West Middlesex Area School District changes the Football program classification from 2A to 3A in the current cycle. Due to this change in classification, the Sharpsville Area School District and West Middlesex Area School District football cooperative program will be ineligible for playoffs for the first year of the contract term.

Financial Responsibility:

The West Middlesex Area School District agrees to pay the cost of transportation of any students from the West Middlesex Area School District that participate in junior high or JV/Varsity team activities that take place on campus at Sharpsville facilities. This would include transportation for the football players to the Sharpsville School District facilities for practices and/or contests. The West Middlesex Area School District will pay the salaries for the current West Middlesex coaches that may continue coaching with the Sharpsville Area School District during the Fall 2021 season. The administrative team will evaluate how many coaches are necessary to send to the Sharpsville Area School District. Coach staffing from the West Middlesex Area School District for the 2022 and 2023 season will be evaluated at a later date. Sharpsville Area School District will absorb all transportation costs relative to scrimmage/contest transportation from the Sharpsville Area School District. Transportation for support activities such as band, cheer, etc. shall remain the responsibility of their respective schools.

Mutual Indemnification:

The parties shall save and hold each other harmless from and against any and all liabilities, claims and demands arising out of or in any way connected with the performance of this Agreement, but only to the extent that such claims and demands are not adjudged by any court of confident

jurisdiction to involve any wrongful or illegal acts or admissions by the indemnified party. The indemnified parties shall, at its own expense, defend any and all claims, demands or actions based thereon and shall pay all charges of legal counsel incurred and all costs and other expenses arising there from, and this indemnification shall survive the termination of this agreement indefinitely forgoing the renewal of their own. The parties agree to notify each other immediately of any controversy, imminent litigation or actual legal service relating to the claims or demands wherein acts or omissions of the other party are alleged.

Game Scheduling:

The Sharpsville Area School District athletic department shall schedule all football contests regardless of contest location. SASD agrees to play at least one (1) home Varsity game at the Big Reds Stadium with potential for additional add-on game(s) to be played at West Middlesex, and 50% of home Junior High and Junior Varsity games at the Big Reds Stadium during the Fall 2021-2023 season. The West Middlesex School District will keep ticket sale profits and concession sale profits for the game(s) played at the Big Reds Stadium. Scheduling of additional home games at the Big Reds Stadium will be discussed annually.

Supervision of Contests:

The hosting facility shall have jurisdictional control over events at their facilities including, but not limited to, maintenance, security, crowd control, parking, and adequate Emergency Medical Service coverage. Athletic management from Sharpsville Area School District shall have jurisdiction over team activity, officials, bussing to contests, and all issues relative to game play.

Practice Times:

The Sharpsville Area School District shall reasonably schedule team activity and shall make conscious effort to consider both district calendars and daily schedules.

Marching Band and Cheerleading:

The Sharpsville Area School District agrees to allow the West Middlesex Marching Band to participate at all Varsity games as feasible. The West Middlesex Marching Band will be provided opportunities to play the pre-game or half-time show at each scheduled home game.

The West Middlesex Area School District cheerleaders will be included in all games as feasible. The West Middlesex Area School District will be responsible for transporting the West Middlesex Big Reds Marching Band and cheerleading squad to all home and away games.

Inclusion of School Colors and Logo/Mascot:

The Sharpsville Area School District agrees to make reasonable efforts to include the color red and/or the West Middlesex logo/mascot into the football and cheerleading uniform or attire.

Academic eligibility:

Student athletes from the West Middlesex Area School District will be held to the athletic

eligibility requirements of the West Middlesex Area School District. The West Middlesex Area School District athletic administration will communicate athletic eligibility lists weekly to the Sharpsville Area School District Athletic Director and Sharpsville Area School District Football Coaches.

Athletic obligations:

The West Middlesex Area School District agrees to communicate any athletic obligations from the Sharpsville Football program to West Middlesex families.


Awards & Letters

School Letters for the sport of football shall be provided to all qualifying athletes as per the minimum standards found in the Sharpsville Area School District Athletic Handbook.

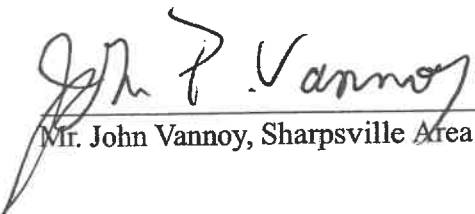
Severability

Renewal of this agreement may be waived by either party via written notice prior to the automatic renewal date of July 1st of each new enrollment cycle. This agreement may be terminated prior to the end of any contract term by written agreement of both parties.

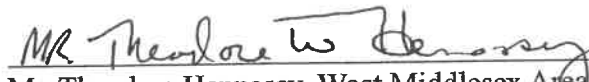
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have cause in this Agreement to be properly executed in their names as of the day and year first above written.




Mr. Jerry Trontel, Sharpsville Area Board of Education President Date 8/5/2021



Mr. John Vannoy, Sharpsville Area School District Superintendent Date 8-5-21



Mr. Theodore Hennessy, West Middlesex Area School Board President Date 8-4-2021



Mr. Raymond Omer, West Middlesex Area School District Superintendent Date 8-4-2021



ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

Section 2001(j)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires each local education agency (LEA) that receives funding under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*, hereinafter referred to as a *Health and Safety Plan*.

Based on ARP requirements, 90 percent of ARP ESSER funds will be distributed to school districts and charter schools based on their relative share of Title I-A funding in FY 2020-2021. **Given Federally required timelines, LEAs eligible to apply for and receive this portion of the ARP ESSER funding must submit a Health and Safety Plan that meets ARP Act requirements to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) by Friday, July 30, 2021, regardless of when the LEA submits its ARP ESSER application.**

Each LEA must create a Health and Safety Plan that addresses how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, and which will serve as local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. The Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of each LEA and its schools and must take into account public comment related to the development of, and subsequent revisions to, the Health and Safety Plan.

The ARP Act and U.S. Department of Education rules require Health and Safety plans include the following components:

1. How the LEA will, to the greatest extent practicable, implement prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;
2. How the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services;

3. How the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:

- a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;
- b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);
- c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;
- d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;
- e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with State and local health departments;
- f. Diagnostic and screening testing;
- g. Efforts to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to school communities;
- h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and
- i. Coordination with state and local health officials.

The LEA's Health and Safety Plan must be approved by its governing body and posted on the LEA's publicly available website by July 30, 2021.* The ARP Act requires LEAs to post their Health and Safety Plans online in a language that parents/caregivers can understand, or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to an individual with limited English proficiency, be orally translated. The plan also must be provided in an alternative format accessible, upon request, by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Each LEA will upload in the eGrants system its updated Health and Safety Plan and webpage URL where the plan is located on the LEA's publicly available website.

The ARP Act requires LEAs to review their Health and Safety Plans at least every six months during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. LEAs also must review and update their plans whenever there are significant changes to the CDC recommendations for K-12 schools. Like the development of the plan, all revisions must be informed by community input and reviewed and approved by the governing body prior to posting on the LEA's publicly available website.

LEAs may use the template to revise their current Health and Safety Plans to meet ARP requirements and ensure all stakeholders are fully informed of the LEA's plan to safely resume instructional and non-instructional school activities, including in-person learning, for the current school year. An LEA may use a different plan template or format provided it includes all the elements required by the ARP Act, as listed above.

* The July 30 deadline applies only to school districts and charter schools that received federal Title I-A funds in FY 2020-2021 and intend to apply for and receive ARP ESSER funding.

Additional Resources

LEAs are advised to review the following resources when developing their Health and Safety Plans:

- [CDC K-12 School Operational Strategy](#)
- [PDE Resources for School Communities During COVID-19](#)
- [PDE Roadmap for Education Leaders](#)
- [PDE Accelerated Learning Thorough an Integrated System of Support](#)
- [PA Department of Health - COVID-19 in Pennsylvania](#)

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Sharpsville Area School District

Initial Effective Date: June 22, 2021

Date of Last Review: August 3, 2021

Date of Last Revision: August 5, 2021

1. How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

The Sharpsville Area School District plans on providing in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year and will comply with guidelines provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the CDC guideline to the greatest extent possible to provide a safe learning environment for all involved.

2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

The Sharpsville Area School District established a Summer Academy to provide additional education due to the change of daily educational time during the 2020-2021 school year. The District has also provided meals, including during the summer months, free of charge to all students since 2020 and will continue to provide them through the last day of school in the 2021-2022 school year.

3. Use the table below to explain how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement		Strategies, Policies, and Procedures	
a.	Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u> ;		Students and Staff will follow the Governor's requirement for face coverings. Subject to change to accommodate changes from Department of Health, and/or CDC.
b.	<u>Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);		All schools will align distancing protocols with the recommendations for physical distancing as per the orders issued by the Secretary of PA Department of Health, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and/or apply, to the extent feasible, guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in the 2021-2022 school year. Subject to change to accommodate changes from Department of Health, and/or CDC.
c.	<u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ;		COVID-19 may survive on certain surfaces for some time, which means it is possible to be infected after touching a contaminated surface and then touching the mouth, eyes, or nose. Frequent handwashing, along with cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilating learning spaces and any other areas used by students (i.e., restrooms, hallways, and transportation), decreases transmission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When handwashing, individuals should use soap and water to wash all surfaces of their hands for at least 20 seconds, wait for visible lather, rinse thoroughly, and dry with a disposable towel. • Teach and reinforce washing hands and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff. • Make hand sanitizer available in common areas, hallways or in classrooms, or in all three, where sinks for handwashing are not available. • Work with local health departments and health care systems to disseminate hygiene and disinfection strategies for infection prevention at home.

- Have adequate supplies and carefully monitor inventory to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol, paper towels, tissues, and no-touch trash cans.

Subject to change to accommodate changes from Department of Health, and/or CDC.

d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;

Cleaning and promoting hand hygiene are important everyday actions our district can take to slow the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases and protect our students and staff.

Cleaning with products containing soap or detergent reduces germs on surfaces and objects by removing contaminants and may also weaken or damage some of the virus particles, which decreases risk of infection from surfaces. Cleaning high touch surfaces and shared objects once a day is usually enough to sufficiently remove virus that may be on surfaces unless someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 has been in your school. Disinfecting removes any remaining germs on surfaces, which further reduces any risk of spreading infection.

Clean more frequently or clean AND disinfect surfaces and objects if certain conditions apply

- High transmission of COVID-19 in our community
- Infrequent hand hygiene
- The space is occupied by people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19

If someone in our school is sick or someone who has COVID-19 has been in our school in the last 24 hours, clean and disinfect your facility.

Always read and follow the directions on how to use and store cleaning and disinfecting products. Disinfection products should not be used by children or near

children. Ventilate the space when using these products to prevent children from inhaling toxic vapor.

Always follow standard practices and appropriate regulations specific to our school for minimum standards for cleaning and disinfection.

Subject to change to accommodate changes from Department of Health, and/or CDC.

e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;

Sharpville Area School District will follow all orders and PDE's guidance on the following protocols for contact tracing.

Having provided in-person instruction throughout the 2020-2021 school year, the District has established effective and efficient protocols, procedures, and designated responsible employees for contact tracing and isolation/quarantine monitoring per State and CDC guidance.

f. Diagnostic and screening testing;

All students and parents/guardians are required to perform a symptom screening prior to arriving at school or at the bus stop each day. The District encourages parents/guardians to keep sick children at home.

All district staff will perform a symptom screen on themselves prior to leaving for work and will stay home if ill. Students and staff will consistently be made aware of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Students and staff will go to the nurse immediately if feeling symptomatic.

The District will share resources with the school community to help families understand when to keep children home.

Subject to change to accommodate changes from Department of Health, and/or CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement

Strategies, Policies, and Procedures

9. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;

The District will coordinate with our Local Health Department

The health department's immunization program can help coordinate vaccination clinics, provide speakers for presentations, and offer other types of expertise.

The District will help to publicize vaccination opportunities within the local community.

Subject to change to accommodate changes from Department of Health, and/or CDC.

h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and

The Sharpville Area School District will work individually with each student and parent as well as any staff members with higher risks for severe illness to develop planning for attendance and preventative measures while in attendance at school.

Subject to change to accommodate changes from Department of Health, and/or CDC.

i. Coordination with state and local health officials.

Local DOH staff will notify the district upon learning that someone who tested positive for COVID-19 was present at the school while infectious. DOH will assist the district with risk assessment, isolation and quarantine recommendations, and other infection control recommendations.

DOH staff will assist the district with contact tracing and may request information regarding potential close school contacts from school nurses/health staff.

Subject to change to accommodate changes from Department of Health, and/or CDC.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for Sharpsville Area School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on August 5, 2021

The plan was approved by a vote of:

8 Yes
-0- No

Affirmed on: August 5, 2021

By:



(Signature* of Board President) 8/5/2021

Jerry Trontel

(Print Name of Board President)

*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

Option A: The use of actual signatures is encouraged whenever possible. This method requires that the document be printed, signed, scanned, and then submitted.

Option B: If printing and scanning are not possible, add an electronic signature using the resident Microsoft Office product signature option, which is free to everyone, no installation or purchase needed.

