



Meeting Summary

1. Meeting Time: Members considered adjusting the regular meeting start time to better accommodate attendees, particularly athletes with evening responsibilities.
2. Athletics Council Purpose: This council, established for the first time, aims to gather input to enhance district-wide and school-based athletic programs.
3. Participation and Council Structure: Members reviewed committees within the council and emphasized inclusive decision-making for committee assignments. Additionally, school-level student athletic councils were encouraged to provide a unified voice for student-athletes.
4. Department Goals: The athletics department highlighted goals around leadership, integrity, accountability, and equity, aligning with broader district objectives and Superintendent Dr. Bryan Johnson's priorities.
5. Facility Improvements: Updates were provided on current and planned upgrades, funded by SPLOST and supported by community partnerships like the Atlanta Braves Foundation, covering projects such as scoreboards, bleacher projects, and field improvements.
6. Professional Development: Plans to offer training and growth opportunities for athletic directors, coaches, and athletes were discussed, including partnerships with local professional sports teams and potential guest speakers for training events.
7. Boosters and Budget: Schools can establish booster clubs with clear guidelines for operation, while budget updates reflected that equipment purchases would rely on gate revenues and special funds, not general funds.
8. Equity and Inclusion in Female Sports: Efforts to support female athletic programs were outlined, including discussions on suitable athletic attire, the growing number of female athletic directors, and specific support for sports such as flag football.



9. Alignment and Vertical Integration: The council discussed strengthening collaboration between middle and high school athletic programs within clusters to foster continuity in athletic pathways for students.
10. Evaluation Process for Athletic Staff: School-level athletic directors will conduct evaluations to ensure that coaching staff meets departmental goals and standards, with a focus on development and support rather than punitive measures.

Overall, the meeting underscored a collaborative and inclusive approach toward enhancing the athletic experience across Atlanta Public Schools.