

Hancock Central School District

The Wildcat Pledge: We nurture and empower each learner's unlimited capacity to become a responsible citizen with a promising future.

Our Vision: Striving for excellence as an innovative, advanced and reflective school community.

Core Beliefs:

- **Our mindset:** We do whatever it takes to ensure continuous growth because we believe each of us can learn.
- **Collaboration:** We work better together, always.
- **Innovation:** We embrace creativity and advancing technology.
- **Integrity:** We trust, respect, support and care for one another.
- **Learning environment:** Our approach is engaging, learner-centered and adaptable to individual needs.
- **Student centered:** We put students first.

Deposit, Hancock continue work on shared services

The Deposit and Hancock school boards met in early January to follow up on their Shared Services initiatives for the 2019-2020 academic year.

The districts have met twice – in November and January – since agreeing to work together to share an athletic code of conduct, an extra-curricular eligibility policy, a coaches' handbook, professional development for staff members, an Eagles mascot/logo for athletics, and retirement ceremonies for the Erie Bell.

The following updates were reported by Hancock PK-12 Principal Julie Bergman during the January 6 meeting, facilitated by Gray Stevens, at the Deposit Central School District:

Coaches' Handbook: A joint committee reviewed, updated and refined Deposit's existing handbook before the 2019 winter break. Based on these revisions, there is a first draft of the shared handbook, which each district is reviewing.

Athletic Code of Conduct: A joint committee reviewed and compared each district's code. Legal analysis of each district's Athletic Handbook and Student Handbook rendered letters of advice and direction to ensure there are no inconsistencies. Updates will continue at the next meeting.

Additionally, superintendents Terry Dougherty of Hancock and Denise Cook of Deposit reported the following updates:

Eagles Mascot/Logo: Work on an image representing the Eagles mascot and logo for the shared athletic programs is underway. Once finished, these will be unveiled at a culminating event.

Erie Bell Retirement: The search for a replica Erie bell continues. Such a bell had been found, but the owners had second thoughts about parting with it. So we continue to seek a bell.

Culminating Meetings: Specific dates for the end-of-year "Culminating Meetings" in May and June will be set as we near the spring.

Upcoming Shared Services Committee meetings are scheduled for 6 p.m. March 2 at Hancock and for 6 p.m. April 21 at Deposit.

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