

**Board Policy Committee
Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2019**



Committee Purpose

The Board Policy Committee provides the board with a venue to fully vet policies with various stakeholders from around the district. Policies have been placed on a three-year cycle for review.

Committee Leadership

*Mr. Chris Smiley, School Board Committee Chair
Dr. Tab Musser, Assistant Superintendent*

Start Time: 11:01 a.m.

Location: Technology Training Room, Landisville Education Center

The Following People Were in Attendance:

Board Members: Linda Johnston, Chris Smiley

Administration: Jim Dague, Doug Dandridge, Shaunte DePaso, Dan Forry, Jordan Hagel (Athletic Intern), Maria Hoover, Sarah Houseman (School Psychology Practicum Student), Tom Kramer, Tab Musser, Steve Polonus, Mark Reinhardt, Kristina Strohm, Jeff Swarr, Shannon Zimmerman

Other: Kathy Miller - Recording Secretary

Time for Public Comment: None

Discussion Items: Dr. Tab Musser, Assistant Superintendent, welcomed the group and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

227 Student Use/Possession of Controlled Substances

Mr. Jim Dague presented Board Policy 227 with one small change. He removed one sentence, regarding solicitation of a controlled substance. The administration feels that expulsion is too severe for this situation. Removing this sentence gives the administration more flexibility with discipline. A brief discussion was held on vaping. At this time there are no laws about vaping and the administration cannot cite students for vaping. Dr. Musser said additional changes will be coming on vaping in the future. This policy will move to first reading on the April 9, 2019 agenda.

006 Meetings

Mr. Dan Forry presented our current Policy 006 and the PSBA template for Policy 006. He recommends that the school board adopts the PSBA version of Policy 006, which he prefers and he noted that the PSBA version includes school safety and security as an executive session topic.

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This would replace the policy that we currently have in our policy manual. This policy will move to first reading on the April 9, 2019 agenda.

248 Unlawful Harassment Pupils/348 Unlawful Harassment Employee

Dr. Musser said that policies 248 and 348 are redundant with Policies 103 and 104. PSBA recommends that we rescind policies 248 and 348 and retain policies 103 and 104. Dr. Musser agrees with the PSBA recommendation. This will require board action, so we will rescind Policies 248 and 348 on the April 9, 2019 agenda and bring Policies 103 and 104 back to the committee for review at a future meeting.

004 Membership

Dr. Musser presented this policy and reviewed that we had received legal advice to have a policy regarding school board members using personal email. After review at two prior committee meetings, it was decided to add one sentence to the School Director Education and Training section that would add communication protocols to the training. This policy will move to first reading on the April 9, 2019 agenda.

204 Attendance

Ms. Shaunte DePaso presented our current Policy #204 with two small revisions. Students are permitted 10 cumulative lawful absences each school year whether their parents/guardians send in a note or if they submit a doctor's note. She is providing recommended language that will clarify that. She also added language that states that the district will send a notice to the parents/guardians in the language preferred by the parent, if requested. This policy will move to first reading on the April 9, 2019 agenda.

237 Electronic Devices

Mr. Doug Dandridge and Dr. Kristina Strohm have been working on an update to this policy. Mr. Dandridge presented a draft with updated information clarifying the definitions of electronic devices, educational purposes, and non-instructional time. They removed language so that this policy will apply to all students in all levels. (elementary, middle school, high school). The level language will remain in the student handbooks. Dr. Musser asked the committee members to take the next month to look at the updated language and decide if the policy meets the needs of administration. This policy will be brought back to the committee in April for more discussion.

915: School-Affiliated Organizations

Dr. Steve Polonus said he is in the information-gathering stage for this policy. He presented our current policy and said Policy 915 is very inconsistent among different school districts. He said Hempfield has active booster clubs that are highly organized and raise a lot of money, and the relationship between athletics and the booster clubs has never been better. He commented that our current policy is a reactive policy and not easy to get through. The policy is not written for athletics only, but parent-teacher groups, marching band, etc. He said the big issue with this policy is that much of the policy is difficult to enforce. It will take significant time to get this

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policy right. He asked the committee members to take the next month to review the resources he has provided, including a list of discussion points that he reviewed. This policy will be brought back to the committee in April for more discussion.

Dr. Musser reminded the committee members if there are any policies that they want to put on the review cycle to let him know.

Adjourn: 12:15 pm

Future meeting dates scheduled at 11:00 am in the Technology Training Room at Landisville Education Center (unless otherwise communicated):

April 11, 2019

May 9, 2019