

Board Policy Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 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: 11:02 am

Location: Landisville Education Center, Technology Training Room

The Following People Were in Attendance:

Board Members: Adam Aloisi, Bill Otto, Chris Smiley

Administration: Mike Bromirski, Bill Brossman, Brendan Cregan, Doug Dandridge, Shaunté DePaso, Dan Forry, Michael Graham, Tom Kramer, Tab Musser, Steve Polonus, Brian Rathgeb, Mark Reinhardt, Jeff Swarr

Other: Kathy Miller, Recording Secretary

Time for Public Comment: There were three residents at the meeting, including Dr. Leslie Gates who gave a presentation on homework. She showed a video that presented research about homework. She made handouts available to the committee members about homework resources.

130 Homework

Dr. Musser presented the homework policy. School district and conversations will begin at the grade level and building level. Homework will be a topic at the K-6 principals' meeting on November 18.

103 Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices

104 Nondiscrimination in the Employment and Contract Practices

Dr. Reinhardt presented these policies to the committee and gave a history of how these policies have come to be. Policy 248 and Policy 348 have been rescinded and replaced with Policy 103 and Policy 104 and adopted by PSBA. Dr. Musser reached out to the solicitor who recommended direct adoption of the PSBA policies. The Assistant Superintendent was designated as the Compliance Officer for Policy 103 and the Director of Human Resources was designated as the Compliance Officer for Policy 104. Both of these policies will be moved to first reading at the December 10 school board meeting.

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201 Admission of Students

204 Attendance

208 Withdrawal from School

Mrs. DePaso shared that Act 16 of 2019 has amended the compulsory school age that a child must attend school from 8 years of age until 17 years of age to 6 years of age until 18 years of age, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. She shared the proposed changes in Policy 201, Policy 204, and Policy 208 that have been affected by this change. All three of these policies will be moved to first reading at the school board meeting on December 10.

304.1 Nepotism

Mr. Forry presented this policy because Mr. Smith was unable to attend the meeting. There is no PSBA template to use as a guide for this policy. Mr. Forry highlighting several areas in the policy for discussion, including the definition of personal relationship and supervision of relatives. Dr. Musser shared that Mr. Smith will work on this policy, formalize it, and present it to the committee at the December 12 committee meeting.

808.1 Lunch Accounts

Mr. Rathgeb presented this policy to the committee. He said a memo came from PSBA with recommendations regarding lunch accounts. Several sections are proposed for inclusion in the policy, including Processes for Debt Notification, Collection of Unpaid Charges, Alternative Funding, Requesting a Refund of Balance Transfer, and a statement under Guidelines. Mr. Rathgeb explained these proposed additions to the committee members and emphasized that the Food Services Department does a great job working with families to resolve negative balances. This policy will be moved to first reading at the December 10 school board meeting.

907 School Visitors and 916 Volunteers

Mr. Kramer presented these two policies and led a discussion about visitors and volunteers. He gave the definition of a visitor and the definition of a volunteer. Mr. Kramer will take Policy 916 and prepare a draft of this policy with proposed changes for the December 12 committee meeting.

709 Building Security

709.1 Surveillance

Dr. Musser presented the current policies for 709 and 709.1 and said the district is receiving quite a few requests from residents and parents to view videos that are produced during the school day in buildings or on school buses. He would like the committee to work on a policy to address this. Discussion took place regarding retention of the videos, FERPA, and Right to Know. There will be more discussion on this at the December 12 meeting.

Adjourn: 12:06 pm

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Landisville Education Center (unless otherwise communicated):

December 12, 2019

January 9, 2020

February 13, 2020

March 12, 2020

April 9, 2020

May 14, 2020