

Board Policy Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 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: 11:00 am

Location: Landisville Education Center, Technology Training Room

The Following People Were in Attendance:

Board Members: Adam Aloisi, Mike Donato, Linda Johnston, Grant Keener (via phone), Chris Smiley

Administration: Jim Dague, Doug Dandridge, Dan Forry, Michael Graham, Tom Kramer, Tab Musser, Steve Polonus, Mark Reinhardt, Jeff Swarr

Other: Kathy Miller, Recording Secretary

Time for Public Comment: Dr. Musser welcomed three guests from the School District of Lancaster who were observing the committee meeting

235 Students Rights and Responsibilities

Student situations and poor decisions in extracurricular activities/sports are the reason for reviewing this policy. Legal counsel has suggested that this policy be strengthened and clearly communicated. There was discussion over some specific language in the policy, which Dr. Musser will follow-up with legal counsel. The only change to the policy was the addition of a statement regarding extracurricular activities being a privilege and students who violate school rules/regulations may jeopardize their opportunity to continue their participation. Following legal reevaluation, this policy will move to first reading on the January 14, 2020 school board agenda.

304.1 Nepotism

Mr. Forry presented this policy. A discussion was held about family members and it was suggested that first cousin be added to the definition of family member. They discussed levels of supervision and clarified what would be acceptable regarding the supervision of a relative. Following legal review, this policy will move to first reading on the January 14, 2020 school board agenda.

702 Gifts, Grants, Donations

Mrs. Pursel was unable to attend the meeting. This policy will be presented at the January meeting with updates.

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709 Building Security

Dr. Musser stated that this policy pertains to the security of school facilities and which employees receive access with keys, swipe cards, etc. Mr. Ryan Jones, District Safety and Security Officer, reviewed this policy and did not have any changes or concerns. This policy will move to first reading on the January 14, 2020 school board agenda.

709.1 Surveillance

Dr. Musser reviewed what was shared at the December meeting regarding requests for videos from residents and parents. Mr. Michael Graham presented a draft policy for discussion. The committee discussed highlighted sections about software and video recording devices, disclosure of information, and retention and access to recordings. This policy will be brought back to the January committee meeting for more discussion.

907 School Visitors/916 Volunteers

Mr. Kramer explained examples of visitors in his building as opposed to volunteers. Board Policy 907 School Visitors is acceptable as presented. Board Policy 916 Volunteers needs changes. He revised the definition of a visitor making it clear that visitors will be part of an audience and would be supervised by a school employee for the entirety of their visit. Board Policy 916 Volunteers will move to first reading on the January 14, 2020 school board agenda.

Discussion Items:

Dr. Dandridge shared the current policy for 718 Service Animals to get the discussion started. He said some revisions will have to be made with legal guidance. Discussion followed regarding several areas of concern.

Dr. Musser said that policy 130 Homework was discussed at the November meeting and since then, the principals have engaged in conversation about homework. More consistent homework practices are the end goal of these discussions.

Dr. Musser said they are still reviewing the suspension/expulsion policy and this will be discussed in the future.

Adjourn: 11:58 am

An executive session was called immediately following the Board Policy Committee meeting.

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

January 9, 2020

February 13, 2020

March 12, 2020

April 9, 2020

May 14, 2020