



Minutes of West Bend School Board Policy Committee Meeting
January 20, 2020
4:00 p.m.

Present: Chris Zwygart, Joel Ongert, Paul Fischer, Erin Dove

Others: Tim Harder, Andy Sarnow, Jennifer Gennerman, Don Kirkegaard, Laura Jackson, Kayla Lindsey, Jody Geenen

Review of Board Policy: 615 Disclosure of Financing and Total Costs of Referenda

Don Kirkegaard requested the committee to review this policy. It is unique to the West Bend School District. His questions regarding this policy: Does the policy do what we want it to do? Does it go above and beyond what is reasonable? When do you have to include the full costs information? Is it just printed material? Do you have to disclose it when you are speaking only to one portion (dollar amount) of the referendum?

Joel Ongert said once option is to have that information on our website at all times during a referendum and the website can include a range rather than one dollar amount with an estimated interest rate. Paul Fischer and Chris Zwygart were concerned with the expense in printing the information on everything. Chris Zwygart liked the idea of having the full disclosure on a website, but not on mailers where the information can be misleading.

The committee will continue to examine the policy as soon as possible. At the February meeting, Andy Sarnow will bring some recommendations for changes.

Revised Board Policy: 346 District Testing Program

Jennifer Gennerman proposed a rewrite of this policy that better reflects the WASB suggestions. The policy would reflect that sharing information on assessments would include more than state-mandated assessments and rather informal assessments such as a direct observation by a teacher, for example. The revised policy will be brought to the full board for consideration.

Revised Board Policy: 347 Family Education Rights & Privacy Records

This policy will be updated to reflect WASB's version. This is specifically related to the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The recommendation is to replace the current language in our policy with the WASB version. The revised policy will be brought to the full board for consideration.

Revised Board Policy: 422.1 Foreign Exchange Programs

The district policy is very restrictive, reported Laura Jackson. There are opportunities to bring in students for short-term that the policy does not cover. Kayla Lindsey explained the short-term cultural exchange program her family works with. The revised policy will be brought to the full board for a first reading.

Revised Board Policy 345.1 Grade Point Average (GPA)

The recommendation is to make a change in one paragraph making physical education grades part of the GPA beginning with the class of 2024. The fact that those grades were not factored in has not been spelled out in policy but is rather listed in the course selection book in graduation requirements.

Revised Board Policy 345.3 Homework

The recommendation is to use WASB policy language in one section of this policy because it is more up-to-date with current practices. Some felt this should be an AR rather than a policy. The committee will look into that possibility and table this for now.

Revised Board Policy 345.4 Promotion, Placement and Retention

This one was recently revised but one small change was suggested at the end to be more general on graduation requirement. It is aligned with the state statute. This policy will be fast-tracked.

Review of Board Policy 345.4a Acceleration

The changes are very small to change *board of education* to *school board*. This policy will be fast-tracked.

Proposed deletion of Board Policy 345.4b Retention

This was never removed after a change to the acceleration and retention policy in 2019. This one is no longer needed. Recommend for deletion.

Revised Board Policy 345.5 Physical Education ½ Credit Exemption

The change proposed is to require the student to identify the course when they go to a school counselor for approval and to add language about approval from an athletic director. This policy will be fast-tracked.

Revised Board Policy 345.6 Graduation Requirements

The recommendation is to shift to 23.5 credits to graduate. This is under electives. This is the recommendation of DPI. This is a one credit increase. The committee asked for more research to ensure all bases are covered and will bring it back to committee.

Revised Board Policy 345.11 Class Rankings

The main change is changing class ranking to valedictorian and salutatorian. The other changes are very small such as change *board of education* to *school board*. It removes Youth Options

because the name is different. It also eliminates a line on physical education. This policy will be fast-tracked.

Revised Board Policy 343.2 Class Size

There was verbiage in the policy that was not correct. Chris Zwygart suggested the final line on open enrollment be removed. This policy will be brought back for a second reading.

Two items on the agenda were tabled until another meeting due to time: Revised Board Policy 345.61 Early Graduation and New Board Policy 452 Student Wellness.