

POLICY COMMITTEE

February 24, 2020

4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chris Zwygart, Erin Dove, Joel Ongert

OTHERS: Don Kirkegaard, Jennifer Rausch, Laura Jackson, Tim Harder, Jen Gennerman, Leonard Hanson, Andrew Sarnow, Bart Williams, Tanya Lohr

Committee Chair Chris Zwygart called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

Revised Board Policies: 615 Disclosure of Financing and Total Costs of All Referenda

Andrew Sarnow, Finance Director presented a proposed amendment for the policy which is some language changes and enhancements. Mr. Ongert wants the new policy to be clear that we can simply remind the public to vote without having to disclose the dollar amount, interest rate, etc. as it's a projection anyway. After discussion it was proposed that Mr. Sarnow and Mr. Zwygart will further work on this policy for revisions and bring back to the March 23, 2020 policy committee.

Proposed deletion of Board Policy 345.3 Homework

Laura Jackson, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, stated that this policy has previously been discussed at the last policy committee meeting. The principals at each site agreed that the policy should be addressed in the family handbook so it pertains to each particular level of education properly. Mr. Ongert confirmed that the policy resource guide indicates that it can be done by individual sites. Mrs. Dove questioned if the policy is currently in the handbook and before deleting to be sure it is added to the handbook correctly. Mr. Kirkegaard asked that the policy be brought back with a WASB recommendation or terminology for the handbook if it is going to be deleted.

Review Board Policy 345.6 Graduation Requirements

Mrs. Jackson explained that this policy has been discussed previously and it applies to 2020-21 incoming freshman class. The recommendation for the policy would require that an additional ½ credit elective be taken which would bring the required amount of credits to 23 for graduation. Mr. Zwygart clarified that this would remain at 22 ½ for class of 2021, 2022 and 2023, the class of 2024 would change to 23 credits for graduation. This policy was forwarded to the March 9, 2020 regular board meeting for first reading.

Review Board Policy 345.61 Early Graduation

Mrs. Jackson explained this was adopted in 2018 as we did not have a policy on early graduation prior to that. As this has been implemented and gone through the process, there are just a few changes to modify the language. This policy was forwarded to the March 9, 2020 regular board meeting for first reading.

Revised Board Policy 345.62 Commencement

Mrs. Jackson indicated that majority of the changes on this policy are procedural and could be in an Administrative Rule as these items don't need to be directed by the board. The language on the first and second pages are taken from the WASB recommendation as to what commencement exercises would include. This policy was forwarded to the March 9, 2020 regular board meeting for first reading.

Deletion Board Policy 351 Summer School

Mrs. Gennermann stated that there is no WASB recommendation for summer school. The course selection is opened up for summer school. Reading and math has been opened up for all students. Other district practices vary per district and the biggest difference is the fees and we don't collect them. Mrs. Jackson stated that high school courses have to match what is offered during the school year. This policy was forwarded to the March 9, 2020 regular board meeting for the first of two readings required for deletion.

Revised Board Policy 352 Field Trips

Mrs. Jackson indicated that the top part with strike through is current policy. WASB recommends using the detail that supports the information needed for fieldtrip participation. Mr. Ongert suggested referencing the 352.1 in this policy for additional overnight fieldtrips. This policy was forwarded to the March 9, 2020 regular board meeting for first reading.

Revised Board Policy 352.1 Extended Trips

Mrs. Jackson indicated that is a recommendation with WASB. There is a small paragraph that states the board can approve the year prior to the year a field trip would be taken. This policy includes all school sponsored trips including sporting events. Mr. Kirkegaard suggesting changing the language to a trip could be authorized by the superintendent if needed. Mrs. Jackson will change the second paragraph to remove references to the year prior. This policy was forwarded to the March 9, 2020 regular board meeting for first reading.

Proposed deletion of Board Policy 353.2 Instructional Methods

This is already covered by policy 381. This policy was forwarded to the March 9, 2020 regular board meeting for first reading.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.