

POLICY COMMITTEE

July 23, 2018

5:15 pm

PRESENT: Chris Zwygart, Tiffany Larson, Joel Ongert

OTHERS: Don Kirkegaard, Laura Jackson, Sharon Kailas, Jennifer Marten, Dave Hammelman

Chair Chris Zwygart called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Revised Board Policy 342.8 Instruction of Students with Disabilities / Section 504 Plans

Sharon Kailas, Director of Pupil Services, informed the committee that this recently (board) approved policy didn't include identification of the person who should receive the request for an impartial hearing, should a request be made by a parent/guardian of a student with a disability under Section 504. *'The Superintendent or his/her designee'* wording was added to the policy. This policy was forwarded to the August 13, 2018 regular board meeting for fast track recommended approval.

Revised Board Policy 345.4 Promotion, Placement, Retention, and Acceleration

Jennifer Marten, Director of Curriculum, indicated that based on the feedback from the Policy Committee at their June 11, 2018 meeting, this policy was revised to include promotion, placement and retention, with reference to acceleration removed. Mrs. Larson asked if the language within the policy could be more simply stated. Laura Jackson, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, stated that the detail in the policy is helpful to principals when implementing the policy.

Dr. Marten informed the committee that the district has a current policy 345.4a that addresses acceleration. She reviewed other district's policies on acceleration and also checked with NAGC (National Association for Gifted Children) before developing the current draft. The acceleration policy being proposed is separated into two categories: subject acceleration and grade acceleration. The committee asked that a simplified draft of the proposed acceleration policy be brought to the next Policy Committee meeting for review.

New Board Policy 345.61 Early Graduation

Mrs. Jackson presented a draft policy which addresses early graduation. She indicated that this situation has arisen in the past and it would be helpful to have a policy in place that addresses the process to be followed for early graduation. No revisions were requested. This policy was forwarded to the August 13, 2018 regular board meeting for first reading.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.