

**JOINT MEETING
POLICY and CURRICULM COMMITTEE**

December 11, 2017

5:45 pm

PRESENT: Nancy Justman, Tonnie Schmidt, Tim Stellmacher, Monte Schmiede, Tiffany Larson,
Joel Ongert

OTHERS: Ken Schmidt, Laura Jackson, Jennifer Gennerman, Susan Saric

Chair Nancy Justman called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

New Board Policy 342.35 Gifted and Talented

Laura Jackson, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, indicated that the district currently doesn't have a policy on gifted and talented services. The Teaching and Learning team recently met with the district's gifted and talented teachers to look at identifying procedures and reviewing the current programming. The policy, which will be developed, will include how students are identified as gifted and talented, how students are referred for GT services, as well as a defined evaluation process. The policy will provide a defined structure of the district's gifted and talented programming. An administrative rule will also be drafted to support this policy. The policy and administrative rule will be brought to the January 8 Policy Committee meeting for review.

Policy 412.1 Full Time Students

The committee discussed policy 412.1 as it refers to full-time status for high school students. State statute identifies a full-time student as a student who is attending five classes. The committee asked that the policy reflect that only Grade 11 and 12 students be given the opportunity to attend less than five classes and would need to meet the criteria established for a youth apprenticeship program. The policy will be revised, after additional study, and will be brought to the January 8 Policy Committee meeting for review.

Policy 411 Equality of Educational Opportunity/Pupil Non-discrimination/Harassment

Mrs. Jackson indicated that this policy includes more than equality of education. She suggested that the policy be split up into separate policies within the 'Students' series of policies. Drafted policies will be brought to a future Policy Committee meeting for review.

Administrative Rule 345.6 Civics Exam Requirement

Jenn Gennerman, Director of Continuous Improvement and Assessment, highlighted the revision to this administrative rule due to a recent change in state statute. Students are required to take the civics exam at some point during their high school career and in order to pass, need to correctly answer at least 65 of the 100 questions contained in the exam. This is a change from the requirement of 60 correctly answered questions. On April 1, administration will follow up with the 12th grade students who have not yet completed the exam, as this information is required to be on their high school transcript.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.