

**Special Meeting
Madison Public Schools
Board of Education - Policy Committee
Friday, August 14, 2020
3:30 PM
via Zoom**

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Greg DeSantis called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Members Present: Greg DeSantis, Emily Rosenthal, Violet McNerney (joined at 3:38 p.m.)

Also Present: JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Ph.D., Wendy Brighindi

Recorder: Greg DeSantis

The committee agreed to amend the order of the agenda to consider sections II and III before section I.

Agenda Section II Policies

The following policies were unanimously recommended for BOE adoption and for the waiver of readings due to the urgent need for the adoption of these policies during the pandemic:

1. Policy Concerning Temporary Policies and Regulation Related to COVID-19 Pandemic
2. Policy Concerning Health and Safety Protocols Related to COVID-19 Pandemic
3. Families First Coronavirus Response Act Leave

Agenda Section III Discussion

The administration and committee members discussed the potential for specific face mask policy development. The committee agreed that broad policies being recommended (for example, "Policy Concerning Health and Safety Protocols Related to COVID-19 Pandemic") provide the district with the flexibility and authority to ensure compliance with up to date health and safety protocols in this fluid environment.

Agenda Section I Policies

The following policies from Shipman & Goodwin were unanimously recommended for BOE adoption and for the waiver of readings due to the urgent need for the adoption of this policy in accordance with the new Title IX federal regulations that became effective on August 14, 2020:

- Policy 4116.1 "Sexual Harassment (Personnel)"
- Policy 5120.4.2.4 "Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 - Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment" (both drafted by Shipman and Goodwin)

The committee discussed Policy 3541.5 "Transportation," drafted by Shipman and Goodwin. This policy has been revised to include statutory reporting requirements to the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Following discussion, the committee unanimously recommended Policy 3541.5 "Transportation" as drafted for BOE adoption.

The committee discussed Policy 5090.3.1 "Student Dress," drafted by Shipman and Goodwin, which has been revised to make clarifications regarding attire or accessories depicting the Confederate flag or

the Nazi swastika. The existing policy is brief and vague as compared to the proposed policy. Committee members noted that specific details of the proposed policy may be of particular interest to the Board and the community. As a result, the committee did not agree to recommend a waiver of readings for the policy review process. Portions of the S&G policy were removed or amended and following discussion, the committee unanimously recommended Policy 5090.3.1 "Student Dress" as amended for BOE adoption.

Public Comment

No members of the public submitted or made comments for this meeting.

The meeting concluded at approximately 4:23.

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