



Winona Area Public Schools
Board Operations Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes: November 22, 2022

Meeting Location:	District Office Conference Room #1 903 Gilmore Ave, Winona, MN 55987
Meeting Start:	4:45 pm
Meeting End:	5:22 pm
Members Present:	Stephanie Smith Michael Hanratty Dr. Annette Freiheit Emily Solheid
Other Attendees:	Kristie O'Brien, Alexandra Retter
Members Absent:	Kacie Lovas

I. Review Upcoming Policies

- A. **Policy 110 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy:** Dr. Freiheit presented additional information regarding the communication with the referenced contributors (Rochester Public Schools and Fridley Public Schools). Dr. Freiheit will look for ways to specifically reference each of these school districts throughout the policy to provide them with proper acknowledgement. Dr. Freiheit will present this policy at the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee meeting on November 22, 2022. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be reviewed by the DEI Committee and return to the Board Operations Committee agenda in December.
- B. **Policy 401 Equal Opportunity Employment:** Ms. Solheid presented this policy with legal reference changes. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the December 15, 2022 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- C. **Policy 417 Chemical Use and Abuse:** Ms. Solheid presented this policy recommending program implementation and statutory language changes. The committee discussed language strikes related to age-appropriate activities in the DARE program. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the December 15, 2022 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- D. **Policy 503 Student Attendance:** Dr. Freiheit presented this policy with practice related language clarification changes. No committee discussion. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the December 15, 2022 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- E. **Policy 609 Religion:** Dr. Freiheit presented this policy with recommended reference and language changes. The committee discussed the annual notification distributed to parents/guardians. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the December 15, 2022 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.

F. **Policy 614 School District Testing Plan and Procedure:** Ms. O'Brien presented this policy with organization and practice-based changes. The committee discussed how test results are shared with families. The committee also discussed a practical way to discern between district-specific changes and MSBA recommended changes. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the December 15, 2022 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.

II. Follow-up from October 27, 2022 Board Operations Committee Meeting:

A. **Policy 606 Textbooks and Instructional Materials:** Dr. Freiheit shared with the committee that she still intends to propose a reconstruction of this policy separating out the review process. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy revisions be added to the December Board Operations Committee meeting.

III. Follow-up from the November 17, 2022 School Board Meeting:

A. No items for information or discussion.

IV. Other:

A. No items for information or discussion.