



Winona Area Public Schools
Board Operations Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes: January 4, 2023

Meeting Location:	District Office Conference Room #1 903 Gilmore Ave, Winona, MN 55987
Meeting Start:	4:45 pm
Meeting End:	5:23 pm
Members Present:	Stephanie Smith Michael Hanratty Dr. Annette Freiheit Emily Solheid
Other Attendees:	Kristie O'Brien, Casey Indra, Dr. Sarah Knudsen, Alexandra Retter, Winona Post
Members Absent:	Kacie Lovas

I. Review Upcoming Policies

- A. **Policy 208 Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies:** Dr. Freiheit presented this policy with MSBA and district proposed changes. No other discussion. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the January 19, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- B. **Policy 596 School Health Services:** Dr. Knudsen presented this policy with practice related language clarification changes, and parent/guardian clean up. The committee discussed district protocols about head lice. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the January 19, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- C. **Policy 603 Curriculum Development:** Ms. O'Brien presented this policy with practice related language clarification changes, parent/guardian clean up, and statutory language changes. No other discussion. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the January 19, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- D. **Policy 623 Summer School Instruction:** Ms. O'Brien presented this policy with district and statutory language changes. The committee discussed the clarification that the district does not currently have mandatory summer school programming rather the district has voluntary options for students. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the January 19, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- E. **Policy 707 Transportation of Public School Students:** Mr. Indra presented this policy with parent/guardian clean up, and statutory language changes. No other discussion. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the January 19, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- F. **Policy 708 Transportation of Nonpublic School Students:** Mr. Indra presented this policy with statutory language changes. The committee discussed how students, including nonpublic school

students, receive information about the bus rules and bus safety. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the January 19, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.

- G. **Policy 799 Bus Travel on Public Roads:** Mr. Indra presented this policy with minor language changes. No other discussion. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the January 19, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.

II. Follow-up from November 22, 2022 Board Operations Committee Meeting:

- A. **Policy 606 Textbooks and Instructional Materials:** Dr. Freiheit presented this policy with recommended review process updates, and statutory changes. Dr. Freiheit recommended that the policy be split into two policies and recommended the adoption of 606.1 Reconsideration of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials as well as administrative procedures and a form. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that policy 606 and 606.1 be added to the January 19, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- B. **DEI Policy Information Update:** Dr. Freiheit indicated that she is still working through alternative options for language suggestions drawn from the Fridley School District Policy. Dr. Freiheit intends to provide options for alternative language and email both the DEI Committee and Board Operations Committee in advance of the meetings to have collaborative discussion about the options. Once the alternative language policy is organized, it will be represented to the DEI Committee and Board Operations Committee before being seen by the full School Board.

III. Other:

- A. **Policy 907 Rewards:** Dr. Freiheit addressed questions presented by School Board members about the existence of procedures outlined in the policy. Dr. Freiheit explained that in the event the district would be faced with a situation where a reward might be offered, the district would develop specific procedures associated with that specific circumstance.
- B. **Board Operations Committee Meeting Schedule 2023:** Ms. Solheid reviewed the proposed Board Operations Committee schedule for the rest of the 2023 Calendar Year.