

Madison Public Schools Board of Education
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
Town Campus Hammonasset Room & Zoom

Diane Infantine-Vyce called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Members present: Diane Infantine-Vyce (chair), Galen Cawley, Jr., Maureen Lewis

Also present: Craig Cooke, and Zoe Roos (Zoom admin)

Recorder: Diane Infantine-Vyce

Policy Notes from Shipman & Goodwin (S&G) were provided with explanations for all policies discussed.

Discussed the following policies for rescission:

- #5090.4.2 – Freedom of Speech/Written and Oral Expression – this policy was sent back to S&G for review to ascertain that all components of this policy were covered by other existing policies and/or handbooks. S&G determined it is, however committee wished review of lines 10-13 again. The policy was voted 3-0 to be forwarded to the Board with the recommendation for rescission pending S&G's review of those lines.
- #5100 – Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities – This policy is covered by Administrative procedures. The committee voted 3-0 for this policy to be forwarded to the Board with the recommendation for rescission.
- #5100.1 – Student Organizations - This policy is covered by Administrative procedures. The committee voted 3-0 for this policy to be forwarded to the Board with the recommendation for rescission.
- #5190 – Crisis Response - MPS School Safety Plans are submitted each year as well as having the 1000 policy series. The committee voted 3-0 for this policy to be forwarded to the Board with the recommendation for rescission.

Discussed the following policies for rescind and replace:

- #9540.2 Construction and Posting of Agenda (formerly Agenda) – discussed Item D; changed wording in D-2 to read ..."will present to the Executive Committee." Changed D-3 to read "The Executive committee will consider whether the requested item should be placed on an agenda." This policy was tabled until the next committee meeting to reconsider the amended policy.
- #9540.3 Quorum and Voting Procedures (formerly #9540.3 Quorum and #9540.8 Voting Method) – The Committee added into the revised policy under "2. Voting Procedures", a portion of the current policy as follows, "The affirmative vote of a majority of those members present at any meeting having a quorum shall be considered sufficient for action except for those actions required by law or these policies. In addition, the following actions shall require a majority vote of the entire Board:
 - Approval of the annual budget and,
 - Approval of special appropriations."

This policy was tabled until the next committee meeting to reconsider the amended policy.

- #9540.9 Minutes – The committee amended the revised policy as follows:
 - under 4-A amended to read "The time, place, date and type of meeting (regular, special, adjourned, emergency);"
 - under 4C added "the names of others present, including the Superintendent of Schools";
 - relettering after 4C as appropriate;
 - addition of 4H "time of adjournment."

The committee voted 3-0 for this policy to be forwarded, with the amendments, to the Board with the recommendation for rescind and replace.

- #9540.10 Meeting Conduct (formerly Public Participation at Board Meetings) – the committee amended the policy as follows:
 - Item 2-D to read “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR)...”
 - The committee amended 6-A-1 to read “three (3) minutes may be allotted to each speaker. The Board may modify...” removing the phrase between.
 - The committee discussed adding back into the policy the section from the current policy that states “Comments and questions at a regular meeting may deal with any topic related to the Board’s conduct of the schools. Comments at special meetings must be related to the call of the meeting”. The committee decided not to add the language

This policy was voted forward as amended 3-0 to the full board with the recommendation for rescind and replace.

- #9420 Officers (formerly Board Officers) - the committee amended the policy as follows:
 - Line 7 amended to “...a Secretary. These officers shall comprise/form the Executive Committee.”
 - Line 19 add “two (2) years”
 - Line 34 add “The Chairperson shall sign such documents on behalf of the Board that require their signature.”
 - Line 35 amended to “...of all special and temporary committees.”
 - Line 36 add “The chairperson shall represent the Board in deliberations with other Boards, districts, or agencies unless another member of the Board is so designated.”
 - Line 37 amended to “...ex officio member on all committees, and will be a non-voting member of such committees with the exception of superintendent search committees.”
 - Add another Line “The chairperson shall appoint Board members to administrative committees and committees of other agencies (CABE, LEARN Regional Service Center).

This policy was tabled until the next committee meeting to reconsider the amended policy. Policies #9220.3 and #9220.5 were previously amended by committee but will move forward when policy #9420 does.

- Policies #9710 and #9720 were tabled due to lack of time.

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.