



Winona Area Public Schools
 Board Operations Committee Meeting
 Meeting Minutes: May 30, 2023

Meeting Location:	District Office Conference Rooms 903 Gilmore Ave, Winona, MN 55987
Meeting Start:	4:44 pm
Meeting End:	6:14 pm
Members Present:	Stephanie Smith Michael Hanratty Dr. Annette Freiheit Emily Solheid Kacie Lovas
Other Attendees:	Alexandra Retter, Winona Post
Members Absent:	

I. Review Upcoming Policies

- A. **503 Student Attendance:** Dr. Freiheit presented the policy and handbook with proposed language changes. Under unexcused tardiness, Ms. Smith asked for clarification language regarding the length of time before consequences take effect. Mr. Hanratty requested providing the Board with two options, with attendance language in both the handbook and the policy, and the second option having the language in just the handbook, with legal recommendations provided. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty asked for follow-up on how parents/guardians are notified of failing grades. The committee discussed the interpretation of excused and unexcused reasons for absences, and the length of time indicated as permissible for vacations. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that administration consider three (3) unexcused reasons and then add the policy to the June 22, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- B. **Policy 506 Student Discipline and Notice of Suspension:** Dr. Freiheit presented this policy with language changes, and the draft of the “WAPS Rights, Responsibilities, and Resources” Handbook. Mr. Hanratty asked for clarification on the responses to behavior concerns, with the suggestion to include a legal comment on administration having discretion based on their investigation. Mr. Hanratty suggested putting handbook language back into policy, but also keeping the handbook. Mr. Hanratty shared equitable advertisement concerns within pages 26-27 of the handbook. Dr. Freiheit suggested reaching out to legal counsel for further clarification on committee concerns and legislative changes. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be tabled until the June 22, 2023 Board Operations Committee meeting for further review by the committee.

C. **606 Textbooks and Instructional Materials and Policy 606.1 Reconsideration of Textbooks or Other Instructional Materials:** Ms. Solheid presented this policy on behalf of Ms. O'Brien with language and legal reference updates, and a draft request form. Ms. Solheid explained that Ms. O'Brien worked with the district Media Coordinator and Curriculum Advisory Committee to provide recommended updates. Administration is recommending the elimination of 606.1, with the update of 606 and form. No other discussion. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the June 22, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.

D. **Policy 806 Crisis Management Policy:** Dr. Freiheit presented this policy with language and legal reference updates. No other discussion. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the June 22, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.

II. Follow-up from the March 1, 2023 Board Operations Committee Meeting:

A. **110 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy:** The DEI Committee is continuing to review this policy. There are no updates to share at this time.

III. Follow-up from the April 20, 2023 School Board Meeting:

A. **203.5 School Board Meeting Agenda:** Given additional discussion at the Board table on when supporting documents are provided to the board ("shall" versus "should" in section III.C), the committee had additional discussion. The committee members agreed to keep the board approved language.

IV. Other

A. June Meeting

1. The committee discussed the upcoming Board Operations Committee meeting falling right before the regularly scheduled School Board meeting. The committee was agreeable to the committee meeting remaining at its regularly scheduled date and time.