



Winona Area Public Schools
Board Operations Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes: April 27, 2023

Meeting Location:	District Office Conference Rooms 903 Gilmore Ave, Winona, MN 55987
Meeting Start:	4:50 pm
Meeting End:	5:41 pm
Members Present:	Stephanie Smith Michael Hanratty Dr. Annette Freiheit Emily Solheid Kacie Lovas
Other Attendees:	Ann Riebel, Alexandra Retter, Winona Post
Members Absent:	

I. Review Upcoming Policies

- A. **Policy 210 Conflict of Interest-School Board Members:** Dr. Freiheit presented this policy with minor grammar, language changes and additions. The committee discussed potential inclusive language changes in section IV. A. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy, which discussed changes, be added to the May 18, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- B. **Policy 402 Disability Nondiscrimination Policy:** Ms. Solheid presented this policy with minor language changes. No other discussion. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the May 18, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- C. **Policy 504 Student Dress and Appearance:** Dr. Annette Freiheit presented this policy with minor legal references changes. Dr. Freiheit explained that the Principals group had reviewed the policy and did not recommend any additional changes. Ms. Smith was provided with clarification on undergarment guidelines. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the May 18, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- D. **Policy 535 Service Animals in Schools:** Ms. Solheid presented this policy with legal reference and language updates. No other discussion. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the May 18, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- E. **Policy 902 Use of School District Facilities and Equipment:** Ms. Riebel presented this policy with minor updates to policy language and references. The guidelines associated with policy were proposed with language clean-up, and additions. Ms. Smith was provided clarification on staff and student rental fees. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy and guidelines be added to the May 18, 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. MDE provided feedback encouraging the development of focus groups, asking specific questions regarding the policy itself. Ms. O'Brien is working on facilitating the process going forward to collect additional feedback. The policy will be tabled within the DEI Committee until this process is implemented.
- B. **503 Student Attendance:** There is discussion on relocating the procedural elements of the policy to student handbooks. Ms. Smith asked for additional information on Bring Your Child to Work Day. The review process is ongoing.
- C. **506 Student Discipline:** The DEI Committee is continuing to review this policy.
- D. **606 Textbooks and Instructional Materials and Policy 606.1 Reconsideration of Textbooks or Other Instructional Materials:** This policy is still being reviewed. This will be brought back for the May Board Operations Committee Meeting with revisions proposed by the Curriculum Advisory Committee.

III. Follow Up from April 20, 2023 School Board Meeting:

- A. No items for information or discussion.

IV. Other:

- A. No items for information or discussion.