



Winona Area Public Schools
Board Operations Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes: March 1, 2023

Meeting Location:	District Office Conference Rooms 903 Gilmore Ave, Winona, MN 55987
Meeting Start:	4:45 pm
Meeting End:	5:54 pm
Members Present:	Stephanie Smith Michael Hanratty Dr. Annette Freiheit Emily Solheid Kacie Lovas
Other Attendees:	Dr. Sarah Knudsen, Jennifer Walters, Alexandra Retter, Winona Post
Members Absent:	

I. Review Upcoming Policies

- A. **Policy 202 School Board Officers:** Dr. Freiheit presented this policy with legal reference and statute language changes. No other discussion. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the March 23, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- B. **Policy 404 Employment Background Checks:** Ms. Solheid presented this policy with legal reference and statute language changes. Several questions previously provided to Ms. Solheid were answered and discussed, and can be found within the policy outline. Ms. Smith asked for further explanation on background check district practice. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the March 23, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- C. **Policy 526 Hazing Prohibition:** Ms. Solheid presented this policy with WAPS recommended language changes, and MSBA language cleanup. Mr. Hanratty asked if the policy is currently in district student handbooks. Dr. Freiheit will reach out to members of the administrative team for clarification and notes will be added to the policy outline. Mr. Hanratty asked how School Board members are provided with information on hazing incidents reported and investigated. Ms. Solheid and Dr. Freiheit referenced data privacy guidelines, which prevents School Board members from being provided with certain details. Questions on cyber bullying were also asked, in connection with hazing. It was requested by Mr. Hanratty to add the statute definition of hazing and bullying to the policy notes for clarification. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the March 23, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.

- D. **Policy 532 The Role of School-Police Liaison Officers and the Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds:** Dr. Knudsen presented this policy with legal reference changes. Under IIIA. the initialism IIIP was explained. Mr. Hanratty asked for clarification on district procedures regarding conflicts with students who have an IEP. In response to Ms. Smith's questions on Crisis Teams (Section 3.D.), Dr. Knudsen clarified that Crisis Teams are present in each building, and training is concurrent with CPI training. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the March 23, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- E. **Policy 533 Wellness:** Ms. Walters presented this policy with MSBA and WAPS recommended changes. Ms. Smith asked about having vending machines in the district. Ms. Walters informed the committee that vending machines can't compete with scheduled meals or a la carte. Policy 720 Vending Machines is scheduled for the Finance Committee Meeting, it will be discussed further at that time. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the March 23, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- F. **Policy 534 School Meals:** Ms. Walters presented this policy with proposed WAPS language changes. No other discussion. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the March 23, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.

II. Follow-up from the January 26, 2023 Board Operations Committee Meeting:

- A. **Policy 503 Student Attendance:** Dr. Freiheit will be working with principals and assistant principals to review current practices, and develop recommendations. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended tabling the policy until this work can be complete. Dr. Freiheit indicated that she will present a proposed timeline at the next meeting.
- B. **Policy 506 Student Discipline:** Dr. Freiheit explained that the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee was able to review part of the student code of conduct at their last meeting but did not make it through the document. The committee plans to revisit the document at their next meeting.
- C. **Policy 606 Textbooks and Instructional Materials and 606.1:** Dr. Freiheit explained that 606.1 is outdated and suggested that consideration be given to including some updated guidance in district administrative procedures. Merging the two policies was also discussed. It was recommended by the committee that Mr. Graves and Ms. O'Brien review the policies. The committee is recommending tabling at this time pending further review by Mr. Graves and Ms. O'Brien.
- D. **DEI Policy Information Update:** Dr. Freiheit and Ms. Smith explained that the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee reviewed the proposed updates to this policy after review by the Learning and Teaching and Human Resources department. Further work is needed by the committee. The committee is also recommending MDE review. The policy will be brought back at a later date.

III. Follow-up from the February 16, 2023 School Board Meeting:

- A. **Policy 615 Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students:** The committee suggested, for sections III. and IV., to provide a statement referencing MDE statewide testing, or contact the WAPS Learning and Teaching Department for more information. Mr. Hanratty and Ms. Smith recommended the policy be added to the March 23, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.