



Winona Area Public Schools
Board Operations Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes: June 22, 2023

Meeting Location:	District Office Conference Rooms 903 Gilmore Ave, Winona, MN 55987
Meeting Start:	4:46 pm
Meeting End:	5:07 pm
Members Present:	Stephanie Smith Michael Hanratty Dr. Annette Freiheit Emily Solheid Kacie Lovas
Other Attendees:	
Members Absent:	

I. Review Upcoming Policies

- A. **422 Policies Incorporated by Reference:** Dr. Freiheit presented the policy with proposed MSBA language changes. Mr. Hanratty requested the administration reach out to MSBA to request reasoning on policy removal from the policy language. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the July 20, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.
- B. **521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination:** Ms. Solheid presented this policy on behalf of Dr. Knudsen, with a proposed legal reference change. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the July 20, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.

II. Follow-up from the May 30, 2023 Board Operations Committee Meeting:

- A. **110 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy:** The DEI Committee is continuing to review this policy. The DEI Committee continues to have good discussion about the community input process over the summer months.
- B. **Policy 506 Student Discipline and Notice of Suspension:** Dr. Freiheit is recommending keeping the policy, with the suggestion to match the code of conduct in the handbook and policy. Dr. Freiheit recommends tabling this policy with the recent legislative changes and to get a legal opinion between the language outlined in policy and the proposed code of conduct to ensure there is clarity.

III. Other:

- A. **Legislative Policy Updates:** In discussion regarding legislative changes, Dr. Freiheit suggested 3 options for reviewing the lengthy list of policy updates: Option 1 would stay with regular Board Operations practice and see them at the July Board Operations Committee meeting and, make a

recommendation to the School Board for either immediate emergency approval or 1st reading in alignment with policy 208; Option 2 was to schedule a special Board Operations Committee meeting in July in order for the School Board to see these policies for 1st reading in July; Option 3 would be to skip the Board Operations Committee meeting, and have the School Board review these policies for first reading in July. Due to time constraints, the Committee decided on Option 3, with email copies of the policies sent to the board, with the option of paper copies provided at the July 13th School Board Work Session. Ms. Smith and Mr. Hanratty recommended that the policy be added to the July 20, 2023 School Board agenda for first reading by the School Board.