



**Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 16, 2022**

Attendees: Dr. William McKersie, Dr. Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Melissa Szymanski

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 PM by Dr. McKersie:

Dr. McKersie gave a brief overview of today's agenda. The committee began with the review of Policy 0101 - Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms. Doreen asked how many single occupancy bathrooms are in the buildings. Melissa Szymanski noted that the single occupancy bathrooms are the only ones used by these stakeholders and there is signage on the bathrooms. Doreen and Dr. Lang did not have any further comments on the policy. Dr. McKersie noted that the policy is just a confirmation of what is already in practice within the district. The committee agreed to bring the policy forward for a first read at the next Board of Education meeting.

Dr. Lang began the discussion surrounding Policy 1230 - Public Comment at Board Meetings. She noted that she felt that the entire board should discuss the policy as well as discuss allowing public comment at work sessions and/or committee meetings. She feels this is a policy the board needs to come together and discuss collectively. Dr. McKersie recommended it be discussed as a committee first and will then be discussed collectively with the full board as a first read at the next Board of Education meeting.

Dr. Lang also commented that the position of general public comment towards the end of the meeting allows for the board to get through the business items on the agenda before hearing lengthy public comments. Dr. McKersie strongly recommends holding to the time limit which can be extended if need be.

The committee discussed adjusting the time limits for each of the public comment sections. Doreen suggested and the committee agreed that it would be best to keep both public comment sections at a 30 minute time limit, with the first public comment giving priority to agenda items first, then if time allows, hearing general comments during the first public comment section.

Dr. McKersie to confer with counsel about adding language to the policy that the board will extend public comment period as needed. He will also inquire about non-resident public comments, and how we can structure public comment during work sessions and/or committee meetings. Once the recommendations have been discussed with counsel and revisions made the newly revised policy will be brought forward for a first read at the Board of Education meeting.

With regard to Policy 2342 - Agenda Preparation and Dissemination. Dr. Lang suggested we remove "Board member" from paragraph two. No other comments or suggestions were made for this policy. Committee agreed to bring the policy forward for a first read at the next Board of Education meeting.

Committee reviewed and approved the minutes for the January 19, 2021 Policy Committee meeting.

Next meeting on March 30, 2022:

- 8505 - "Charging" School Meals and Prohibition Against Shaming
- Additional Policies To Be Determined

Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM.

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Submitted by:
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