

Madison Public Schools Board of Education
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
Town Campus Hammonasset Room & Zoom

Diane Infantine-Vyce called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Diane Infantine-Vyce (chair, via Zoom), Galen Cawley, Jr., Maureen Lewis

Also present: Craig Cooke and Zoe Roos (Zoom admin)

Recorder: Diane Infantine-Vyce

Policy Notes from Shipman & Goodwin (S&G) were provided with notes and explanations for all policies discussed.

The Committee discussed the following policies for rescission:

- #5120.8 Missing School without Parental Consent/Unaccounted for
- #5120.9.1 Supervision of Students
- #5120.9.2 Student Dismissal Precautions
- #9740 Board-Community Relations
- #5100.9.1 Student Recruitment

The Committee voted 3-0 to move the above policies forward to the Board with the recommendation for rescission and waiving the second read except for #5100.9.1 and #9740. Policy #9740 requires two reads and 2/3 vote.

The Committee discussed policy #4040 Plan for Minority Educator Recruitment to be rescinded and replaced with #4040 Increasing Educator Diversity Plan. The Committee voted 3-0 to move the policy forward to the Board with the recommendation for rescind and replace and waiving the second read.

The Committee discussed the new policy #5040 Admission to the Public Schools at or Before Age Five and voted 3-0 to move the policy forward to the Board for approval with amendment "or Superintendent's designee".

The Committee also discussed the following policies for Rescind and Replace:

- #5110.4 Student Discipline (with amendments made "Superintendent's designee" in all applicable places),
- #9540.2 Construction and Posting of Agenda
- #5180.1 Confidentiality and Access to Educational Records, which replaces:
 - #5180.1 Records/Confidentiality,
 - #5180.1.1 Directory Information,
 - #5180.1.2 Relations with Non-Custodial Parents, and
 - #5125.1 Health/Mental Records
 - with the following amendments:
 - remove "J" section,
 - remove lines 318-322,
 - remove lines 335-342, and
 - insert "Superintendent" in line 755
- #9450 Committees (with amendments to add that the Board Chair designates committee members and board members may request committees), which replaces:
 - #9450 Board Committees,

- #9450.1 Committee of the Whole,
- #9460 Advisory Committees

The Committee voted 3-0 to move the above policies forward to the Board with the recommendation for rescind and replace with the amendments stated above.

The committee discussed Policy #9710 School District Logo and/or Motto to change to #1200 and remove from 9000 series by-laws. Also discussed wording to delineate in regulation alterations to logos vs major changes and add in that the AD would be non-voting member of the committee. Discussed if it should be informal committee, or special or advisory committee, if Board Chair and Superintendent (ex officio and non-voting) and a board member (voting) should sit on the committee. This was tabled to further work the language to properly convey the intent behind the policy and regulation.

Policy #5030.2 Interdistrict School Attendance Areas was briefly discussed to remind the committee that the policy still needs revision and we are waiting for guidance from Shipman and Goodwin.

There was no public comment and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.