

Madison Public Schools Board of Education

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2023 @ 6:30 PM

Town Campus Hammonasset Room & Zoom

Diane Infantine-Vyce called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

Also present: Craig Cooke, Seth Klaskin 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:

- 9540.11 - News Media Service at Meetings
- 9900 - School Board Legislative Program
- 9910 - State Legislative Program
- 5120.9.4 - Bicycle and Rollerblade Use – it was noted that the examples for individual school student handbooks needed to be updated with current helmet laws (age 16) and minor changes made for consistency. Current handbooks for all schools were discussed with the committee showing interest in reviewing them at the Board level.
- 5120.4.2.3 - Substance Abuse Counseling

The Committee voted 3-0 to move the above policies forward to the Board with the recommendation for rescission.

The Committee discussed the following policies for Repeal and Replace:

- 9510 - Time, Place and Notice of Meetings – changes made to line 11 “...Chairperson or Chairperson’s designee...” and remove lines 64-65 within brackets only.
 - Repeal and Replace:
 - 9510 - Regular Board Meetings
 - 9520 - Special Board Meetings
 - 9540.1 - Notification of Board Meetings

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

- 5090.8.1 - Search and Seizure and the associated regulation – The Committee voted 3-0 to move the policy forward to the Board with the recommendation for rescind and replace. It was decided that the revised regulation would go back to S&G for review of lines 39-40. Changes were made to line 18 to add “...Board policy...”, and to lines 66 and 75 to add “Board policy or school rules” and remove “school regulations” in both.
- 5090.3.1 - Student Dress - The Committee voted 3-0 to move the policy forward to the Board with the recommendation for rescind and replace.
- 5144.4 Physical Activity, Undirected Play and Student Discipline – The Committee voted 3-0 to move the policy forward to the Board with the recommendation for rescind and replace.
- 9710 School District logo and or motto & 9720 Guidelines for use of District Logo/ Board Members’ Name – policy versions were discussed and item was tabled due to lack of time.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.