

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, November 4, 2024**  
*Immediately following the Education Committee Meeting*  
**Administration Office**  
**Board Room**

Committee Members				Remaining Meeting Dates
Gale Husack - Chairperson	Matthew Link	Christopher Mann		
Chad Christman	Tania Stoker	Gene Marks		
Gary Fedorcha	Todd Breiner	Sherri Molitoris		
Rhonda Frantz	Michele Dotta	Scott Pyne		
Mathias Green	Nichole Fink	James Schnyderite		
Robert Kern	Bryan Geist	Michael Strohl		
Donna Kulp	David Hauser	Lori Bali		
Natalie Snyder	Eric Hill			
Angela Williams				

Also in attendance:

**AGENDA**

**Active Military Families: (Dr. Stoker)**

- **200-Enrollment in District**
  - Last revised in 2023
  - Added Children of Active Duty Military Families
  - Reordered parts of the policy to match PSBA recommendations.
  - This policy is mandated to comply with state law and regulations.
- **202-Eligibility of Nonresident Students**
  - Last revised in 2023
  - Added Children of Active Duty Military Families
  - Made minor updates to include “in accordance with law” and Board policy
  - This policy is mandated to comply with state law and regulations.
- **217- Graduation Requirements**
  - Last revised in 2014

- Added Children of Active Duty Military Families
- This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes regarding adoption and posting of graduation requirements in compliance with state law and regulations.
- **254 - Educational Opportunity for Military Children - NEW**
  - This is a newly developed policy to address both the Compact regarding educational opportunity for military children and the PA School Code regarding advanced enrollment requirements for military children.
  - This policy is a mandated policy in terms of meeting the advanced enrollment requirement in 24 P.S. Sec. 1302.1.
- **810 - Transportation**
  - Last revised in 2019
  - Act 19 of 2023 amended the Transportation Vehicle Code, [75 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 3345.1](#), to permit school entities to install and operate a side stop signal arm enforcement system. The law allows, but does not require, a side stop signal arm enforcement system to be placed on a school bus. A side stop signal arm enforcement system is different than a side stop signal arm, because the enforcement system contains a camera system installed on a school bus with at least one camera and one computer that produce recorded video and two or more photographic still images of a motor vehicle being used or operated in a manner that violates the requirement to stop for a school bus when the red signal lights on the school bus are flashing and the side stop signal arms are activated.
  - Only the legal citation of 75 Pa. C.S.A Sec. 3345.1 was added to the statement in the policy relating to the board purchasing, equipping and maintaining school buses.
  - This policy is a mandated policy to comply with state regulations.

**Others:** (Dr. Stoker)

- **903 - Public Comment in Board Meetings**
  - Last revised in 1997
  - The title of Policy 903 was changed from Public Participation in Board Meetings to Public Comment in Board Meetings to focus on the purpose of the Sunshine Act requirement for residents and taxpayers to be provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on matters of concern, official action or deliberation which are or may be before the board prior to the board taking official action.
  - In revising the policy, PSBA took into account recent legal cases that arose from actions taking place at board meetings regarding public comment.
  - Policy was updated to place more emphasis on recognition of the importance of diverse viewpoints and commentary during the public comment period and the commenter's right to be free from interruption, except under limited circumstances

- PSBA provided flexibility with regard to when public comment is taken on items (i.e. beginning of meeting, on agenda items)
- Historically, the method to verify residence or taxpayer status was to have the speaker preface their comments by their name and address. The announcement of a personal address was highlighted in the preliminary injunction as a matter that may inhibit an authorized individual's willingness to comment and as a possible safety concern. Included in our policy is municipality rather than specific address.
- **807 - Opening Exercise/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays**
  - Last revised in 2007
  - Name changed from Opening Exercises/Flag Displays to Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays
  - Act 25 of 2024 created a new section of the PA Public School Code, Section [1555](#), which includes a requirement for each school entity to conduct a moment of silence during instructional hours for students and faculty to observe the anniversary of September 11, 2001, as a remembrance of the thousands of military service persons, government employees, civilians and emergency responders who lost their lives or were wounded by terrorist attacks on that date. Policy 807 was revised to include this provision for a moment of silence on the anniversary of September 11th. School entities may provide the moment of silence at any time during instructional hours.
  - This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes.

## **School Safety and Security Updates: (Dr. Stoker)**

- **805 - Emergency Preparedness and Response**
  - Last revised in 2023
  - The policy language addressing law enforcement agencies was updated to reflect the current School Code terminology.
  - The language addressing instructional time was updated to reflect both instructional days and hours, in accordance with the provisions of new School Code section 24 P.S. 1-133 under [Act 56 of 2023](#).
  - This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes.
- **805.1 - Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies**
  - Last revised in 2020
  - The language and legal citations throughout this policy were updated to reflect the current School Code provisions addressing school safety and security incident reporting and coordination with law enforcement agencies.
  - The section on Memorandum of Understanding was updated to reflect the changes to the School Code and more closely align with those provisions of the law.
  - The process for coordination between the Superintendent and law enforcement agency in reviewing the incident data prior to submission to PDE was also revised to reflect the current School Code requirements.

- This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes
- **805.2 - School Security Personnel**
  - Last revised in 2023
  - Definition of “third-party vendor” was updated to reflect that these entities now have to be approved by PCCD
  - The language addressing the training requirements for the School Safety and Security Coordinator under Act 55 of 2022 was updated to reflect that such training may also now be counted toward professional education credit, where applicable.
  - Terminology related to incident reporting to law enforcement and PDE was updated in accordance with current School Code provisions.
  - An additional provision was added under the section on School Police Officers, stating that the school entity must provide a copy of the court's order approving and appointing a school police officer to the state's School Safety and Security Committee within thirty (30) days of the appointment, in accordance with School Code.
  - Language was also added, based on School Code revisions, stating that the annual report regarding school police officers must be submitted to PDE, PCCD and the School Safety and Security Committee.
  - This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes
- **909 - Municipal Government Relations**
  - Last revised in 1997
  - The terminology and legal citations related to coordination with law enforcement agencies and the development of the memorandum of understanding were updated to reflect current School Code provisions.
  - This policy is recommended policy

**Business Office:** (Mrs. Molitoris)

- **826 - HIPPA Compliance**
  - Last revised in 2018
  - #17 was added to address the how personal health information (PHI) related to reproductive health care can be shared
  - #18 was added to address the ways in which PHI may not be disclosed or used

***Committee meeting schedule for 2025  
will be determined by NLSD School Board at December meeting.***