



South Orange Maplewood School District Agenda

Policy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 10 · 6:30 – 8:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/bjq-wcto-xhe>

Or dial: (US) +1 208-614-3839 PIN: 168 760 624#

More phone numbers:

<https://tel.meet/bjq-wcto-xhe?pin=5679062556217>

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Susan Bergin, Chair

Elissa Malespina

Qawi Telesford (absent)

Arun Vadlamani

Dr. Ronald Taylor

Susie Budine

Danielle Knapp

Erin Siders (substitute for Qawi Telesford)

POLICIES ON FOR SECOND READING ADOPTION:

2415.05	Student Surveys, Analysis and/or Evaluations	C&I
2431.4	Prevention & Treatment of Sports-related Concussions & Head Injuries	C&I
3134	Assignment of Additional Duties	Personnel
5124	Internal Student Transfers (conflict - hold for end)	Policy/Supt
5541	Anti-Hazing	C&I
8830	Patriotic Observances	FFT
8465	Bias Crimes & Bias-Related Acts	FFT
9713	Recruitment by special interests	Policy

POLICIES FOR POSSIBLE FIRST READING:

1648.15	Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings - COVID-19	Policy/Exec.
9400	News Media Relations (pending feedback from communications director)	Policy
9410	Broadcast Media Relations (pending feedback from communications director)	Policy

9720	Solicitation by Vendors	Policy
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Items for Discussion:

0164	Conduct of Board Meetings (Discussion only)	Policy
5513	Care of School Property	Policy

New Business:

Meeting Minutes:

Items for Second Read at May 16th Board meeting:

- **2415.05** - no new feedback or changes from last suggested revisions by committee, **ready for second read**
- **2431.4** - no new feedback or changes from last suggested revisions by committee, **ready for second read**
- **3134** - minor correction to wording to make policy read correctly, no further feedback or changes from last suggested revisions by committee, **ready for second read**
- **5124** - (note: Board Member Malespina did not participate in discussions related to this policy due to a conflict with the content of the policy); discussion of suggested comments to help policy read more smoothly based on suggested revisions; **ready for second read**
- **5541** - policy will be sent to Ms. Butler for input on section related to the reporting of suspected hazing incidents, also remove label at top of policy that outlines what schools must have an anti-hazing policy, Ms. Butler's input will be incorporated into policy; **ready for second read**
- **8830** - committee recommends policy be abolished; **ready for second read**
- **8465** - rewording suggested to the opening sentence regarding providing a safe, "welcoming" and healthy environment; questions about specific phrasing utilized in policy (bias-related acts vs. bias-based acts), no statute is connected to policy in Strauss Esmay to delineate between the two; discussion about notification when potential bias crime/bias-related act has been committed, Should staff be responsible to notify both the principal and the superintendent? After researching statutes, they do require the notification of both, will keep this verbiage in the policy; discussion regarding reporting potential bias crimes or bias-related acts to the police, suggested adding "when the Superintendent or designee develop reason to believe that a bias crime or bias-related act has been committed..."; **ready for second read**
- **9713** - discussed specifying that "written consent" should be added back to policy; no further feedback or revisions since last suggested revisions by committee, **ready for second read**

Items for first read at May 16th Board meeting:

- **1648.15** - discussion that this policy, due to a change in the provisions related to COVID-19, has a very limited application, which is reflected in the verbiage of this policy, no changes suggested; **ready for first read**
- **9400** - discussed adding “and Board policy” to “... in accordance with Federal and State laws...”; discussed adding highlighted paragraph in policy 9410 to the 9400 policy, but decided instead to include it in the regulations for the policy when they are written; **policy is ready for first read**
- **9410** - recommended embedding details of second highlighted paragraph into 9400 regulations; otherwise recommendation is to abolish the policy; **ready for first read**
- **9720** - recommended policy be sent to FFT Committee for review and input; **ready for first read in May or June pending FFT committee feedback**

For Discussion:

- **0164** - Discussion of board members’ opinions regarding keeping the component of the policy that allows public to request to make a presentation at a board meeting; variety of options discussed (eliminate, keep, or keep it with established guidelines); will continue to discuss policy again at a future meeting
- **5513** - discussion of policy and how this is impacting children; decided this should go to C&I for review and feedback
- **Policy 8550** will be added to next month’s policy agenda for discussion

Resolutions:

- Policy Chair Bergin drafted Resolution related to policy 5513 to guide district responses to related issues until policy 5513 can be revised. Discussion about potential financial impact and access and equity issues; decided to move forward with resolution; discussed if resolution should be time-bound, and decided to add that resolution is intended to be in place until policy 5513 is revised and board approved; **resolution will be added to board agenda for approval**