

**South Orange Maplewood School District
Policy Committee of the Board 2021
May 12, 2021 - 5:30 pm
Agenda**

Superintendent: Dr. Ronald Taylor

Committee Chair: Susan Bergin

Members: Elissa Malespina, Erin Siders, Courtney Winkfield, Lily Forman

Administrative Liaison: Dr. Melody Alegria, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services

1. Board Policy Reviews and SLT (and Administration) Input

a. Policies for **Second Reading (review any comments received)**

2415.02 - Title 1 Fiscal Responsibilities

6311 - Contracts for Goods and Services Funded by Federal Grants

6112 - Reimbursement of Federal or Other Grant Expenditures

2530 - Resource Materials (with library)

5120 - Assignment of Students - *BPW integration/discuss at end*

- Add language about students being placed;

5533 - Student Smoking

5751 - Sexual Harassment - this may be first read again

- Dr. Alegria and Dr. Perez will make additional changes to the policy for first read again on Monday. Would be helpful if SES counsel looks at the policy; Having someone who deals with this on a daily basis will not hurt us to see what their revisions are;
- Will be providing district-wide PD and anyone on the Title IX taskforce; as well as counsel support;
- The laws have all shifted - to ensure that practices are aligned with law;
- Timelines in the policy - discussion of whether it should be calendar or business days;

5756 - Transgender and Gender nonconforming Students

- Everything substantively addressed - add cross referenced policies, i.e., HIB;

7441 -Electronic Surveillance on School Buildings and on School Grounds

- No feedback on this policy.

b. Policies in Process of Being Prepared for **First Reading**

C&I (bolded policies may be ready this month)

**2415 - Title 1 services - No Child Left Behind Programs/ Every Child Succeeds
Reviewed by C&I, no changes beyond Strauss Esmay edits.**

2415.05 - Student Surveys, Analysis and/or Evaluations

2415.04 - Title I – District-Wide Parental Involvement

2422 - Health and Physical Education (and repeal 2425, Physical Education, because it is combined with health ed policy)

5300 - Automated External Defibrillators (ADEs)

5350 - Student Suicide Prevention -

- Updated from the nurses needs to be reviewed by C&I

5530 - Substance Abuse

5440 - Honoring Student Achievement

To be discussed in C&I for next month;

5519 - Dating Violence at School

8441.1 - Use of Defibrillators

EC

5111 - Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (this includes residency checks)

- This policy is not ready for first read yet;

5124* - Internal Student Transfers - *BPW integration/discuss at end*

- Parents have the option to opt into grades 1-5 for Seth Boyden. Not for kindergarten.
- Question of whether those students get a bus?
- Policy references returning to the zone school. There won't be zone schools with the Intentional Integration Initiative (III).
- Took back to the consultant, the concept of newcomers not in kindergarten. Everyone should go through the algorithm; The algorithm couldn't be applied to every grade level. Newcomers would have the old methodology applied to them. Attendance zone is not our long term plan, but they are grandfathered in -- sunseting practices.
- Question of whether the District should break the policy into two policies?
- Add asterisk for incoming 2021-22 and beyond to see policy;

8110* - Attendance Areas (possibly repeal or consolidate with 5124) - *BPW related/discuss at end*

- Seems irrelevant since we don't have zones;
- Retain information about the superintendent reviewing attendance zones, transportation, balance of student populations, etc. - add into policy 5120.
- Review the results of the intentional integration algorithm;

FFT

9713 - Recruitment by Special Interests - Shannon Cuttle to revise

Personnel

1643 - Family Leave

3431.1 - Uncompensated Leave

4431 - Uncompensated Leave

4431.1 - Family Leave

5751 - Sexual Harassment

c. Policies to consider abolishing

Possibly 2320 - Independent Study - do students currently do independent study?

2425 - Physical Education - merging with 2422, Health and Physical Education - abolish it when 2422 is ready to be passed

5465 - Early Graduation - it is covered by 5460 already so can be abolished now

possibly 9322 - Drug Free School Zones - Dr. Alegria will check if policies cross referenced by 9322 are up to date according to Strauss Esmay

8110- Attendance Areas - integration/discuss at end

d. Resolution on sexual harassment/sexual assault

2. New Business

- How are policy changes communicated to staff?
 - BOE meeting specific newsletter to SOMSD community.

Can we create a checklist to see who has looked at policies and who has reviewed.

We have the committee process and the SLT from each committee.

There's a spreadsheet of what needs to be reviewed.

We solicit feedback from building principals for applicable policies -- not every policy;

3. Old Business

- Status of Migration to Strauss Esmay
 - Accounts have been created; will follow up with Strauss Esmay.

4. Items Related to BPW Settlement/Integration - save for end of meeting -Board Member Malespina recused

5120 - Assignment of Students

5124 - Internal Student Transfers

8110 - Attendance Areas

*Ms. Malespina was not present for the discussion of Policies 5120, 5124 and 8110.
Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.