

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, September 3, 2024
Immediately Following Education Committee Meeting
Administration Office
Board Room

Committee Members					Remaining Meeting Dates	
X	Gale Husack - Chairperson	X	Matthew Link	X	Christopher Mann	November 4, 2024
	Chad Christman	X	Tania Stoker		Gene Marks	
X	Gary Fedorcha	X	Todd Breiner		Sherri Molitoris	
	Rhonda Frantz		Michele Dotta		Scott Pyne	
	Mathias Green	X	Nichole Fink	X	James Schnyderite	
X	Robert Kern	X	Bryan Geist	X	Michael Strohl	
X	Donna Kulp	X	David Hauser	X	Lori Bali	
	Natalie Snyder	X	Eric Hill			
X	Angela Williams					

Also in attendance: Mary Frank, Tim Weaber

AGENDA

- [Policy 714- Naming Rights](#) (Dr. Link)
 - This is a new policy for Northern Lehigh
 - This policy will provide guidance if we receive any donations coupled with naming
 - PSBA doesn't have a model policy but provided us with examples from other districts to review in developing our policy. We used language from those policies to develop Northern Lehigh's Policy
 - PSBA stated that typically the purpose behind a naming rights policy is to establish standards for naming a new or expanded building, or part of a building, in recognition of either a gift, financial contribution or exemplary service. With that in mind, for NLSL, PSBA indicated that it doesn't fit directly under 701 or 702 and recommended using the number 714 since it is an open number in our sequence and making it a stand alone policy.

- School Board members present at the committee support the policy moving to first reading at the September Board meeting.
- [Policy 803-School Calendar](#) (Dr. Stoker)
 - [Act 56 of 2023](#) created a new section of the School Code, 24 P.S. 1-133, which addresses school instructional time and provides more flexibility for school entities to establish school calendars that provide a minimum of either 180 days of instruction to students or 450 hours of instruction for half-time pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students, 900 hours of instruction for full-time pre-kindergarten and kindergarten and elementary students (grades 1-6), and 990 hours of instruction for secondary students (grades 7-12).
 - The policy guide was updated to provide options for the school board to direct what provisions the school calendar should normally include. The language was updated throughout the policy to reference both "instructional days" and "instructional hours."
 - The sections addressing alteration of the school calendar in cases of emergency were also revised to reflect the current School Code provisions and address temporary provisions that may be established by the school board.
 - Additional guidance regarding instructional time and school calendars is available in the [PA Department of Education's Basic Education Circular on Instructional Time](#).
 - *This is a recommended policy.*
 - School Board members present at the committee support the policy moving to first reading at the September Board meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2024