POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, January 7, 2025
Immediately following the Education Committee Meeting
Administration Office
Board Room

Committee Members							Remaining Meeting Dates
X	Gale Husack - Chairperson	X	Matthew Link	X	Christopher Mann		*No February Meeting*
X	Chad Christman	X	Tania Stoker		Gene Marks		*March 3, 2025*
X	Gary Fedorcha		Todd Breiner		Sherri Molitoris		*No April Meeting*
	Rhonda Frantz	X	Michele Dotta		Scott Pyne		*May 5, 2025*
X	Mathias Green	X	Nichole Fink	X	James Schnyderite		*June 2, 2025*
	Robert Kern	X	Bryan Geist	X	Dan Williams		*August 4, 2025*
	Donna Kulp	X	David Hauser	X	Lori Bali		*September 2, 2025*
	Natalie Snyder	X	Eric Hill				*No October Meeting*
X	Angela Williams						*November 3, 2025*

Also in attendance: Steve Haas, Mr. Williams

AGENDA (Dr. Stoker)

- 218.1-Weapons
  - This policy was last updated in 2022
  - The policy language on incident reporting to law enforcement and PDE was updated to reflect the current School Code provisions. Legal citations to the new sections of School Code were also added.
  - This policy is a mandated policy
  - Board Members on the committee support this policy moving to first reading during the January Board meeting.
- 218.2- Terroristic Threats
  - This policy was last updated in 2022
  - The language addressing students with disabilities was moved into the

Authority section of the policy, to align with other policies that include similar provisions. The language and legal citations pertaining to incident reporting to law enforcement and PDE were also updated to reflect the current School Code provisions.
    - This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes
    - Board Members on the committee support this policy moving to first reading during the January Board meeting.

- 222- Tobacco and Vaping (Students)
    - This policy was last updated in 2022
    - Act 33 of 2023 was a recent Omnibus School Code bill which amended several section of the PA Public School Code including sections related to school safety and security
        - Removal of the Office for Safe Schools in the PA Department of Education (PDE).
        - Many of those assigned responsibilities moved to the School Safety and Security Committee, which operates under the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).
        - PDE maintains responsibilities to collect, develop and disseminate resources, policies, strategies and other information to assist in the development of programs that impact school violence, and address positive behavior support and school-based diversion programs.
        - PDE also retains responsibility for collecting the annual incident reports from school entities.
        - Removed language that specifically listed "Juul" products as an example of tobacco and vaping products.
    - This policy is a mandated policy
    - Board Members on the committee support this policy moving to first reading during the January Board meeting.
- 323- Tobacco and Vaping (Employees)
    - This policy was last updated in 2022
    - Revised based on Act 33 of 2023 to update language and legal citations that address incident reporting and school entity responsibilities under the school safety and security sections of the School Code.
    - Removal of the Office for Safe Schools in the PA Department of Education (PDE).
    - PDE also retains responsibility for collecting the annual incident reports from school entities.
    - Removed language that specifically listed "Juul" products as an example of tobacco and vaping products.

    - This policy is a mandated policy
    - Board Members on the committee support this policy moving to first reading during the January Board meeting.
- 227 - Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia (Students)
    - This policy was last updated in 2004
    - Revised based on Act 33 of 2023 to update language and legal citations that address incident reporting and school entity responsibilities under the school safety and security sections of the School Code.
    - Purpose statement updated to clarify that the policy prohibits use of controlled substances, except as such use is permitted by applicable law or board policy addressing use of medications.
    - This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes
    - Board Members on the committee support this policy moving to first reading during the January Board meeting.
- 351-Controlled Substance Abuse (Employees)
    - This policy was last updated in 2016
    - Title changed from "Drug and Substance Abuse" to "Controlled Substance Abuse" to mirror the policy for students and reflect the language used throughout the policy and in Pennsylvania's Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.
    - Revised based on Act 33 of 2023 to update language and legal citations that address incident reporting and school entity responsibilities under the school safety and security sections of the School Code.
    - Terminology and references to "drug-free workplace" were retained to reflect the requirements of the federal Drug-Free Workplace Act.
    - The language on termination of employees for specific controlled substance convictions was revised to more clearly reflect the provisions of law.
    - This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes
    - Board Members on the committee support this policy moving to first reading during the January Board meeting.
- 146.1- Trauma Informed
    - This policy was last updated in 2022
    - This policy was updated with the new legal citations addressing school safety and security training requirements for school employees. The language on reporting of school safety and security incidents was also updated based on the terminology changes from the School Code.
    - This policy is an optional policy
    - Board Members on the committee support this policy moving to first reading during the January Board meeting.

- 218- Student Discipline
  - This policy was last updated in 2007
  - Title changed from Student Conduct to Student Discipline
  - The language on incident reporting to law enforcement and PDE was updated to reflect the current School Code terminology. Legal citations to the new sections of the School Code were also added.
  - This policy is a mandated policy
  - Board Members on the committee support this policy moving to first reading during the January Board meeting.
- 801- Public Records
  - This policy was last updated in 2017
  - PSBA revised this policy to clarify the district's responsibilities responding to request for records under the Right-to-Know Law
    - Anonymous Requests
    - Use of Designated Request Forms
    - Notification of Third Parties
    - Appeals Involving Third Parties
  - This policy is mandated to comply with the Right-to-Know Law
  - Board Members on the committee support this policy moving to first reading during the January Board meeting.
- 806-Child Abuse
  - This policy was last updated in 2018
  - The policy language on incident reporting to law enforcement was updated to reflect the current School Code provisions. Legal citations to the new sections of School Code were also added.
  - This policy is a mandated policy
  - Board Members on the committee support this policy moving to first reading during the January Board meeting.
- 904- Public Attendance at School Events
  - This policy was last updated in 2022
  - The policy language on incident reporting to law enforcement and PDE was updated to reflect the current School Code provisions.
  - Legal citations to the new sections of School Code were added.
  - Updated to remove language that specifically listed "Juul" products as an example of tobacco and vaping products.
  - NLSD also updated the section related to guidelines for free admittance
  - This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes
  - Board Members on the committee support this policy moving to first reading during the January Board meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2025