

POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE
GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2024

The Policy Review Committee met on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at the Mark Sanford Education Center with Eric Lunn as the meeting chairperson.

Committee Members Present:

Board Members Dave Berger, Amber Flynn via phone, Eric Lunn, and Business Manager Brandon Baumbach.

Committee Members Absent:

Dr. Terry Brenner and Michelle Shepperd.

Others Present:

Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

Consideration of November 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

Berger moved and Flynn seconded to approve the November 6, 2024, minutes as written. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Amendments to Various Policies and Recommendations for Adoption:

AAC, Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy.

This policy, which was adopted by the board in 2020, is required. The NDSBA made a non-substantive change on page 2 and added legal references. The Executive Cabinet has reviewed the NDSBA amendments and recommends that they be adopted as amended.

Berger moved and Flynn seconded to approve the changes made to AAC, Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment, and forward them to the school board with a unanimous recommendation for adoption. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

FDD, Education of Pregnant and Parenting Students.

This policy, adopted by the board in 2020, is required. The NDSBA made non-substantive changes to it and added legal references. The Executive Cabinet has reviewed the NDSBA amendments and recommends that they be adopted as amended.

Berger moved and Flynn seconded to approve the changes made to FDD, Education of Pregnant and Parenting Students, and forward them to the school board with a unanimous recommendation for adoption. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

FF, Student Conduct & Discipline.

This policy, adopted by the board in 2021, is a required policy. The NDSBA made non-substantive changes to it and added legal references. The Executive Cabinet has reviewed the NDSBA amendments and recommends that they be adopted as amended.

Discussion was held concerning the NDSBA's reason for an exception for identical disciplinary policies, procedures, and guidelines for alternative high school programs. Cindy will request a response from the NDSBA. It was clarified the pending response would not delay forwarding the policy to the board.

Flynn moved and Berger seconded to approve the changes made to FF, Student Conduct & Discipline, and forward them to the school board with a unanimous recommendation for adoption. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ABDB, Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Schools.

This is an NDSBA Member-Requested (formerly called Supplemental) policy. The NDSBA created it in

response to the recent rapid growth of artificial intelligence in technology and school districts' desire to incorporate and/or address the use of AI in school. There is currently no law requiring or prohibiting the use of AI in the education system, but AI will only continue to become a more integral part of everyday life and, subsequently, the education system. A District AI Committee and the Executive Cabinet have reviewed it and recommend the policy be adopted as written.

Berger moved and Flynn seconded to approve ABDB, Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Schools, and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation for adoption. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ACF, Whistleblower Protections Policy – Prohibition Against Retaliation.

This policy, adopted by the board in 2020, is required for Cognia accreditation. The NDSBA made substantive edits to better reflect state and federal law and ensure consistency with other policies and regulations, along with other non-substantive edits. The Executive Cabinet has reviewed the NDSBA amendments and recommends that they be adopted as amended.

Flynn moved and Berger seconded to approve the changes made to ACF, Whistleblower Protections Policy – Prohibition Against Retaliation, and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation for adoption. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

BA, School Board Ethics.

This policy, adopted by the board in 2020, is required for Cognia accreditation. The NDSBA made one non-substantive edit to the policy. The Executive Cabinet has reviewed the NDSBA amendment and recommends that it be adopted as amended.

Berger moved and Flynn seconded to approve the changes made to BA, School Board Ethics, and forward them to the school board with a unanimous recommendation for adoption. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

BA-BR1, Board Ethics Regulations.

This regulation, adopted by the board in 2020, is required for Cognia accreditation. The NDSBA added clarifying language to parts of the regulation and made several non-substantive edits. The Executive

Cabinet has reviewed the NDSBA amendments and recommends they be adopted as written. In addition, although no language change was made, the Executive Cabinet drew the committee's attention for discussion, bullet 3 under the implementation of items 8 and 11 section on page 2.

Discussion was held about bullet #1 under the implementation of items 4 and 12 section on page 1. The referenced policy BFD encourages board members to visit the schools and that such visits should be scheduled with the building principal. This regulation states that Policy BFD prohibits unannounced visits to schools. The question was whether "should" and "prohibit" were aligned. The committee deferred this regulation to the administration for further review with Policy BFD.

No changes were made to bullet 3 under the implementation of items 8 and 11 section on page 2.

BA-BR2, Board Member Internet and Social Media Use.

This regulation, adopted by the board in 2020 and amended in 2021, is required for Cognia accreditation. The NDSBA made several substantive edits throughout the regulation to reflect recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions. The Executive Cabinet has reviewed the NDSBA amendments and recommends that they be adopted as amended.

Berger moved and Flynn seconded to approve the changes made to BA-BR2, Board Member Internet and Social Media Use, and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation for adoption. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

IAD, Sale of District Real Property.

This is an NDSBA-recommended policy. The Executive Cabinet has reviewed the policy and recommends that it be adopted as written.

Discussion was held about whether language was needed to clarify whether it would be a conflict of interest for a board member to be involved and receive compensation if they submitted a bid or represented a client who was submitting a bid. It was determined that additional language was not needed because the conflict of interest policy and law would apply.

Berger moved and Flynn seconded to approve the

changes made to IAD, Sale of District Real Property, and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation for adoption. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
(Date)

Eric R. Lunn, Meeting Chair

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager