

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: August 7, 2025
TOPIC: #5.1 – First Reading of Proposed Updates to Policies
PRESENTER: Julie Nielsen, Superintendent
REFERENCE TO POLICY/STATUTE: Policy 208

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- The following policies have been revised to reflect updates in Minnesota Statute, definition of terms, legal references, and cross references.
- Board Policy Committee members reviewed the policies and made recommendations to administration.
- Current policies are located online at <https://www.sowashco.org/about-us/school-board/school-board-policies>.
- Following this agenda item, the public will have an opportunity to address the board regarding the policies being revised and the changes outlined.

203 Operations of the School Board	Updated legal references and remove section IV since this is defined by statute and not in MSBA Model policy.
203.1 School Board Procedures – Rules of Order	Delete and add to Procedure 203. There is no MSBA Model Policy.
203.5 School Board Meeting Agenda	Delete. There is no MSBA Model Policy.
203.6 Consent Agenda	Delete and add to Procedure 203.
205 Open Meetings and Closed Meetings	Updates to grammar and legal references.
206 Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings & Data Privacy Considerations	Updates to grammar and legal references.
207 Public Hearings	Updates to grammar and legal references.





208 Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies	Updates to grammar and legal references.
209 Code of Ethics	Legal updates and formatting changes.

These policies will return for board approval on August 21, 2025.

B. RECOMMENDATION

- a. Information

C. STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES

- a. Student Experience
- b. Mastery of Learning and Expectations
- c. Student Pathways and Systemic Supports
- d. Operations, Staffing and Finance
- e. Engagement and Partnerships

