

Gettysburg Area School District
Policy Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2025

Faculty & Staff Present: Brooke Harner, Axa Jones, and Karen Roper

Board members Present: Kathleen Pratt (via Telecommunications)

Administrators Present: Matthew McFarland, Jeffrey Matzner, Vanessa Sanders, and Belinda Wallen

Guests Present: Dr. Leigh Dalton and Julietta Booz

Policies and Administrative Guidelines Currently Under Review by Board Policy Committee:

1. Policy #137-Home Education Programs
 - a. Dr. Dalton explained that Policy 137 and Policy 137.1 had been in place in our district for a long time.
 - b. With a change in the home education program law, Dr. Dalton mentioned the need to add Policy 137.2 and Policy 137.3 since home education students can become involved in their local school district through co-curricular activities and career and technical education programs.
 - c. Dr. Dalton also indicated these policies are required by law with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) creating these four categories.
 - d. Ms. Pratt asked about the need for the home education supervisor noted in Policy 137.
 - e. Dr. Dalton said they added more definitions since there are times when a parent and home education supervisor differ in their respective roles.
 - f. Ms. Pratt also recommended a minor formatting change to the policy that will be updated.
2. Policy #137.1-Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
 - a. There was no discussion regarding this policy.
3. Policy #137.2-Participation in Co-curricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students (NEW)
 - a. Dr. Dalton indicated this policy is specific to co-curricular activities with parallel language to the other policies.
4. Policy #137.3-Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students (NEW)
 - a. There was no discussion regarding this policy.
5. Policy #103.1-Nondiscrimination-Qualified Students with Disabilities (NEW)
 - a. Ms. Pratt asked what prompted this policy.
 - b. Dr. Matzner said Policy 103.1 and Policy 236 were cited in Policy 249, Bullying/Cyberbullying, and brought to his attention at the last policy meeting; however, these policies did not exist in our current records. He indicated this will be an ongoing

process as he works with Dr. Dalton on ensuring our policies remain up to date and accurate.

6. Policy 236-Student Assistance Program (NEW)
 - a. There was no discussion regarding this policy.

Board Action:

All of these policies will be listed as information items at an upcoming Board meeting.