Operations Committee Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2026
OHS BOE Conference Room - 4:30 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Meeting called to order at 4:34 p.m.

B. Attendance

Members Present: Alex Calbi, (Chairperson) Kevin Stevens, Elizabeth Burrows, Rene Garrison
Others present: Genelle Morris, Jenny Bilotta, Jen Mahar, Jen Kless
Guests: Karen Fox, Amanda Bess-Edwards, Chelsea Bowker, Jennifer Bohrer, Lauren Caya, Colleen Larsen-Diebler, Angie Marconi

2. Agenda Items

A. Policy Review

Discussion about Public Comment timelines.

#1510 - Regular Board Meetings and Rules

- There has been ongoing discussion over the past few months about how to adjust the deadline for Public Comments, which is currently by noon on the Wednesday prior to the board meeting.
- The Committee discussed the timeline for following the chain of command for public complaints, which was noted to be a very quick turn around time.
- After some final discussion, the Committee decided to leave the public comment section as is at this time with no further review.

#3272 - Advertising in the Schools

Discussion about displays, banners and flags in the classroom.

- There has been recent legal action in response to culturally responsive teaching and spaces that support that the District needs to set the standard of expectations and how it relates to academics, school initiatives, or well-being. Expectations are explained by NYSED on how to create welcoming spaces for all students.
- The District gets to outline the expectations, but the policy, as currently written, is very broad and phrasing needs to be clarified.
- While the BOE reviews the policy, the faculty and staff were sent an email asking them to look through their classroom to determine what is of an academic nature in accordance with this policy as it is currently written. If teachers have specific questions they should be sent to their building principals. This topic will be discussed at the next principal's meetings.
- Operations must create a policy that makes an argument that what is displayed in your classroom falls under the umbrella of advertising or if it contributes to academics or the well-being of sudents and staff.
- The policy can be vague and the details can be spelled out in the regulations.
- The Operations Committee will draft updates to be considdred for review and adoption at the February 2026 Operations Meeting. Once the updates have been agreed upon by the committee, they will be reviewed by the school attorney before being presented to the BOE for adoption.

#6430 - Employee Political Activities

Discussion about whether this policy needed to be updated.

- The main goal is to define what is considered a political concern.
- The district must uphold the consitutional rights of faculty and staff outside the classroom, while defining political concerns in the classroom which is up for debate when it is not tied to the curriculum that is being taught.
- After discussion, the committee decided to leave the policy as is with no further review.

B. Livestream of BOE Meetings Preparation

The District is prepared to start livestreaming BOE meetings starting Tuesday, January 13th. The link to the meetings will be available on the District's YouTube channel the day of the meeting, and will also be available on the agendas.

3. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment at 5:32

Next meeting will be on February 9, 2026 at 4:30 in the BOE Conference Room