

Gettysburg Area School District
Policy Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2026

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

Board members Present: Al Moyer and Donna Harrison

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

Guests Present: Dr. Leigh Dalton and Julieta Booz

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

1. Policy 111 - Lesson Plans (Updating)
 - a. Ms. Harner said the current version of the policy was difficult to adapt due to its format, so this update has the information just like other policies.
 - b. Dr. Moyer asked if there is a certain framework the district has adopted with lesson plans and if staff must submit them.
 - c. Dr. McFarland noted that it is determined at the building level and that lesson plans are available for reference to building administrators with observations.
 - d. Dr. Dalton explained that the policy exists to the extent of which a district wants to oversee lesson plans.
 - e. Dr. Moyer shared that he believes it's important to have this policy if there were a staff member placed on an improvement plan, which would give authority to principals to check in.
2. Policy 218.1 - Weapons (Revised to comply with Act 44 of 2025)
 - a. Dr. Dalton noted the language is broadened to incorporate any occurrence of someone possessing a weapon on district property.
 - b. Dr. Dalton also indicated it is up to the district on whether to include replicas of weapons due to concerns from other districts with false positives involving replicas and the need to notify per Act 44. When looking at the statute, Dr. Dalton noted that the purpose of notification is not for replicas, but for actual instances.
 - c. Dr. McFarland said they would still have the ability to notify families depending on the severity of circumstances with any replica.
 - d. Dr. Dalton suggested inclusion in administrative guidelines for the possibility but not a requirement.
3. Policy 218.2 - Terroristic Threats (Updating)
 - a. Dr. Dalton noted this policy was updated with new language from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) and to be in line with current laws.
4. Policy 218.3 - Student Adjudicated/Convicted of Sexual Assault (New to the District)
 - a. Dr. Dalton shared this new policy is based on a law from 2019 that was issued in 2022 after the pandemic.

- b. The policy also includes Title IX implications, noting an investigation would need to take place, according to Dr. Dalton.
- 5. Policy 236.1 - Threat Assessment (Updating)
 - a. Ms. Harner explained the district's original 218.3 policy was the threat assessment policy and was 10 years old, so this update has PSBA's version of the policy with the number changed to align with PSBA.

Board Action:

Dr. Matzner announced that the school board is moving to a Committee of the Whole structure, so the policy committee will no longer convene on the second Tuesday of the month. Beginning in March, the Committee of the Whole meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, pending holidays. When a scheduled meeting falls on a holiday, it will be held on the following Tuesday.

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