POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, March 2, 2026
Immediately following the Education Committee Meeting
Northern Lehigh District Office
Board Room

Committee Members							Remaining Meeting Dates
X	Gale Husack Chairperson	X	Dr. Matthew Link		Gene Marks		*May 4, 2026*
	Gary Fedorcha Co-Chairperson		Dr. Lori Bali	X	Sherri Molitoris		*June 1, 2026*
X	Crystal Bilby	X	Todd Breiner	X	Scott Pyne		*August 3, 2026*
X	Mathias Green, Jr.	X	Michele Dotta		MaryAnn Rush Wallace		*September 8, 2026 (Tuesday)*
X	Donna Kulp		Nicole Del Gotto	X	James Schnyderite		*November 2, 2026*
X	Natalie Snyder	X	Nichole Fink	X	Dr. Tania Stoker		
X	Joyce Thompson	X	Eric Hill	X	Daniel Williams		
X	Timothy Weaber		Nicholas Krajcic				
	Angela Williams	X	Christopher Mann				

Also in attendance: Steven Haas, Dave Jones, Nichole Fink

Agenda

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u> (Dr. Link)

- ➢ Policy 122 - Extracurricular Activities
  - Proposed updates related to coaches and advisors working with our students
  - Committee supports moving the policy to the school board agenda for a first reading and a vote at the March board meeting (with changes as discussed)
- ➢ Self Defense Language in Handbook
  - Committee supports moving the proposed language to the handbooks

NEW BUSINESS (Dr. Stoker)

School Code Changes

- ➢ Policy 204 Attendance
  - Our policy was last updated May 2023
  - This policy has been updated to address new requirements of PA School Code 24 P.S. Sec. 13-1333 which includes two (2) new provisions to be addressed in the parental notifications made when their child is truant. In addition to current requirements, the notice must now include:
    - Informing the person in parental relation that a student who becomes habitually truant may not transfer during the school year to a cyber charter school unless it is determined to be in the student's best interest by a judge.
    - Resources available to assist the student and person in parental relation with returning the student to compulsory school attendance and opportunities for academic recovery.
  - These took effect December 12, 2025
  - This policy is a mandated policy
  - Committee supports moving the policy to the school board agenda for a first reading and a vote at the March board meeting
  - Committee Supports Moving to the March Agenda for consideration by the full board.

- ➢ Policy 218.1 Weapons
  - Our policy was last updated February 2025
  - This policy has been updated to comply with the PA School Code, 24 P.S. §1303.2-A, which outlines new notification requirements when an incident involving possession of a weapon occurs on school property, at a school-sponsored activity, or on a conveyance providing transportation to a school or school-sponsored activity.
  - As of January 6, 2026, notifications are now required for the appropriate population of parents/guardians and district employees, in addition to the previously existing requirement of notifying any parents/guardians whose child was directly involved in the incident.
  - The "appropriate population" to be notified is determined by where the incident occurred - in an individual school building, on a shared campus with other school buildings, or at a school-sponsored activity or on a public conveyance providing transportation to or from a school-related activity.
  - The policy also specifies that these notifications must be issued within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident and communicated in such a way that they are likely to reach the appropriate individuals, unless circumstances of the incident necessitate otherwise.

- This policy is a mandated policy
- Committee supports moving the policy to the school board agenda for a first reading and a vote at the March board meeting
- Committee Supports Moving to the March Agenda for consideration by the full board.

Procurement Policies

➢ Policy 610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation

- Our policy was last updated March 1997, so administration recommends adopting the most recent version of the policy developed by PSBA and putting the procurement thresholds in an administrative regulation as they change each year.
- Title of policy changed from *Purchases Subject to Bid to Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation*
- Each year, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry is required by law to publish changes to the base amounts triggering the requirement for public, telephonic bids or separate bids for certain contracts, or both. These changes are based on the Consumer Price Index and are published annually in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.
- PA School Code Sections 24 P.S. §7-751 and 24 P.S. §8-807.1 require public school entities to obtain competitive bids and price quotations based on these amounts. As of January 1, 2026, the amount for purchases subject to public bid will be **$24,500** and the amount for purchases subject to written or telephonic price quotation will be **$13,200**. PSBA updated the following documents as necessary to reflect the new price thresholds
- These pricing thresholds were effective January 1, 2026
- This policy is recommended for audit purposes
- Committee supports moving the policy to the school board agenda for a first reading and a vote at the March board meeting

➢ Policy 611 Purchases Budgeted

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Safety and Security Related Policies

➢ Policy 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response (Current Policy)
- Our policy was last updated December 2024
- No updates to the policy itself. However, updates were made to the Safe2Say Something Procedures to comply with amendments to the PA School Code, 24 P.S. Sec. 13-1303-D.
    - Requirement that school entities must provide a final disposition within forty-eight (48) hours of a life safety event report and within thirty (30) days of a non-life safety event report from the Safe2Say Something Crisis Center.
    - The attachment also includes information on the consequences a school entity may face if it does not comply with these requirements including public notice of noncompliance being posted on the Office of the Attorney General's website, and reporting of noncompliance to the School Safety and Security Committee which may directly impact the awarding of school safety grants to the school entity until the final dispositions have been submitted to the Office of the Attorney General.
- This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes
- Committee Supports Moving to the March Agenda for consideration by the full board.

➢ Policy 805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement
- Our policy was last updated December 2024
- This policy was updated to include the requirement from PA School Code, 24 P.S. Sec. 13-1319-B, for a procedure addressing the timely coordination between the district's threat assessment team and the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the school property be incorporated into the memorandum of understanding.
- This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes
- Committee supports moving the policy to the school board agenda for a first reading and a vote at the March board meeting

- Policy 805.2 School Security Personnel
  - Our policy was last updated December 2024
  - This policy was updated to expand upon the responsibilities of the School Safety and Security Coordinator based on amendments made to the PA School Code, 24 P.S. Sec. 13-1309-B. New requirements for the School Safety and Security Coordinator include:
    - Coordinating meetings with school and building leadership on at least a quarterly basis and keeping an attendance report of the school and building leadership present at each meeting.
    - Creating an attendance report of school and building personnel present at the school safety and security meetings, including yearly attendance totals, to be included in the School Safety Report presented to the school board by June 30 each year.
    - In addition to coordinating mandatory school safety training for staff, the School Safety and Security Coordinator must now meet with staff annually to receive their input on the training.
    - In addition to the seven (7) hours of training during the first year, the School Safety and Security Coordinator must now complete any subsequent continuing education requirements that may be implemented by the School Safety and Security Committee.
  - This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes
  - Committee supports moving the policy to the school board agenda for a first reading and a vote at the March board meeting