

Policy Committee

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

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Attendees: Dr. Toni Jones, Sophie Coven,
Paul Cappliali, MJ Mercanti-Anthony
Facilitator: MJ Mercanti-Anthony

Meeting Objectives:

- Discussion of Possible Student BOE Non-Voting Representative Policy
- Consider Safe Harbor Policy
- Discussion of possible revisions to Policy 1311.2 (Political Activities)

Total Time: 50 Minutes

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3:30	5	<u>Feedback from last meeting:</u> <table><tr><th>Pluses</th><th>Deltas</th></tr><tr><td> ● Efficiency ● Collaborative ● Did most of our next steps </td><td> ● KH still working </td></tr></table>	Pluses	Deltas	● Efficiency ● Collaborative ● Did most of our next steps	● KH still working
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		Next Steps from last meeting: ● Return to student rep policy ○ KH to continue to discuss with Student Government ○ MJMA look at sample policies (voting, how liason with student government report). Time at meetings. ● Consider safe harbor policy ○ MJMA to send Safe Harbor Materials to Committee ● KH to draft Vacancy procedures Approval of Minutes: ● 4/15/26 Minutes				

		○ PC Moved, SC Seconded ■ Approved 3-1
3:35	20	Objective 1: Discussion of Possible Student BOE Non-Voting Representative Policy 1. Student Proposal 2. Discussion: a. What do we like in this policy? b. What do we want to change? i. TJ: Been in both structures. Student at BOE table often least productive, as member does not necessarily represent student perspective. We could use the current structure more effectively. ii. SK: Would be great to better use the existing structure and talk through the agenda ahead of time. Ask students to canvass opinion. iii. MJMA: Likes the idea of a student member at the table. The student would need to leave at a certain time. The proposal calls for two students to be appointed to a two-year term. iv. SK: It is a big time commitment for students. They would need to understand what the commitment is like. Next Step: ● KH to continue to discuss with the Student Government ● Invite Nicholas/Student Gov Reps to future policy meetings.
4:05	15	Objective 2: Consider Safe Harbor Policy 1. Recommendation for Ethics Board a. Slidedeck b. Sample Policy Template c. Current Conflict of Interest Policy 2. Discussion a. MJ: Could be a good process for Board conflicts involving decisions that impact members' kids. b. SK: Wondered if conflicts of interest can only be financial. To submit a complaint, it must be financial. c. PC: Developing the policy could aid transparency. Purpose of this is that if we follow Safe Harbor and someone issues a

		complaint against us, the fix would be to the Safe Harbor decision. Next Step: • MJ will investigate if other boards have implemented this. • SK will investigate state ethics currently referenced in policy. • MJ will ask Tom Mooney if other school boards have adopted Safe Harbor				
4:10	10	Objective 3: Discussion of possible revisions to Policy 1311.2 (Political Activities) 3. Policy 1311.2 4. Concern: Does the policy as written unwisely let any group stage a protest without a permit on BOE property when no student activities are occurring? 5. Suggested Revision 6. Discussion a. TJ: We can't control public property after hours. b. PC: School property is public property, trusted to BOE. Believes we can have more control over public property. c. MJ: Concern about the current vagueness of "school activities". d. TJ: Possible change to specifying when students are on site. School rarely knows when groups have event plans until we read about it in the paper. 7. Next Steps: a. PC to investigate legal issue. i. MJ will ask Mooney what parameters schools have. b. MJ to ask town when people need a permit.				
	5	Next Steps: • Policy updates likely coming due to pending legislation. <table><tr><th>Pluses</th><th>Deltas</th></tr><tr><td> • Next steps for all three policies. • Good discussi </td><td> • Disappo intment that we couldn't just give the student </td></tr></table>	Pluses	Deltas	• Next steps for all three policies. • Good discussi	• Disappo intment that we couldn't just give the student
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Next Meeting: May 13 3:30 pm

Motion to adjourn: SK Moves,, PC 2ndsl Approve 3-0