



Board of School Directors Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

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Members present: Ken Keith, William Formica, Kimberly Wheeler, Michael Barnacz, Alexandra Wisser, Andrew Souchet, Corinne DeGeiso, Rosemary Buetikofer, William Brong

Others present: Nate Bender, Phil Cerami, John Franzen, Frank Gallagher, Christopher Hey, Katie Kennedy-Reilly, Fran Masin-Moyer, Michael Taylor, Sam Varano, and Megan Zweiback

Mr. Keith called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. He announced that there were three meetings scheduled; Education-Personnel, Policy and Finance.

1. Education-Personnel

1.1 Curriculum Revisions and Updates

Superintendent Gallagher introduced Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Technology, Dr. Kennedy-Reilly. Dr. Kennedy-Reilly announced the revision to High School Course Game Programming 1 and introduced teacher Mr. Cerami who spoke to the revisions of the course which include an emphasis on programming.

High School Principal Dr. Varano spoke to the proposed changes to the 2027/2028 High School Program of Studies. He stated the title change of Global Studies to World History and it would be offered in 9th grade instead of 10th which would support chronological instruction. He also spoke to the addition of Cultural Perspectives in American History, a course that would enable a more comprehensive study of historically marginalized groups.

Dr. Varano also cited the addition of World Language course Heritage Spanish. He stated that this course would address the needs of Heritage Spanish speakers, including reading and writing, which is often limited in the students' original learning environment. Dr. Varano also stated that the needs of native Spanish speakers would also be addressed. Dr. Varano explained the differences between heritage speakers - student primarily speaks the language at home, but has not been schooled in it. A native speaker is a student who speaks the language at home and has been schooled in the language as well.

Dr. Kennedy-Reilly reviewed the course outlines and stated all revisions would come through Curriculum Council.

A brief discussion occurred about the use of Artificial Intelligence in the classroom and the tools and techniques in place to monitor its use.

Dr. Kennedy-Reilly gave updates on other curriculum projects including an ELA update, Math K-12 update, Language of Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Accessibility to content, and the Student Information System. Dr. Kennedy-Reilly also mentioned the district response to shifting enrollment and cited the district responsibility to proactively respond with purpose, while sustaining strong programs and opportunities across all schools.

The Education-Personnel meeting was adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

2. Policy

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Hey announced the six policies being reviewed this evening.

2.1 First Reading of Policy 102 - Academic Standards

Superintendent Gallagher stated this policy was last reviewed in September 2025. No changes are recommended at this time. The policy is presented for review as part of the ongoing policy overhaul project.

2.2 First Reading of Policy 105 - Curriculum

Dr. Kennedy-Reilly stated this policy was last revised in September 2025. No changes are recommended at this time. The policy is presented for review as part of the ongoing policy overhaul project.

2.3 First Reading of Policy 115 - Career and Technical Education

Dr. Kennedy-Reilly stated the current policy Policy 115 - Vocational Technical Education will be renamed to Policy 115 - Career and Technical Education as per PSBA guidelines. She also noted the added/updated language throughout the policy. Added language on the Board ensuring that students and parents/guardians are informed of the students' rights to participate in career and technical education programs and courses, in accordance with Chapter 4 regulations. Added language to include child abuse prevention requirements for employers who participate in internships, externships, work-study, co-op, or similar programs and certification requirements/reporting of conduct and reporting child abuse.

2.4 First Reading of Policy 123.1- Concussion Management

Director of Pupil Services, Ms. Zweiback stated that per PSBA recommendation, current Policy 123.1 - Student Activity Fees, will be retired and its provisions maintained as administrative guidelines only.

The new Policy 123.1 - Concussion Management is recommended for a first reading. This policy addresses prevention, detection and treatment of concussions sustained by students while participating in an athletic activity, and is based on provisions of the Safety in Youth Sports Act. The requirements of this policy apply to interscholastic athletics and any other athletic activity defined in the policy, including a practice, contest or competition that is sponsored or associated with the school.

2.5 First Reading of Policy 123.2- Sudden Cardiac Arrest

New Policy 123.2 - Sudden Cardiac Arrest is recommended for a first reading per PSBA recommendation. This policy addresses prevention and recognition of sudden cardiac arrest in student athletes and is based on provisions of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act. The requirements of this policy apply to interscholastic athletics and any other athletic activity defined in the policy, including a practice, contest or competition that is sponsored or associated with the school.

2.6 First Reading of Policy 140.1 - Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students

New Policy 123.2 - Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students is recommended for a first reading per PSBA recommendation. This policy addresses the right of a student enrolled in a charter or cyber charter school to participate in the district's extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs under the School Code, and the district's conditions for student participation.

The Policy Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

3. Finance

3.1 2026-2027 Budget Update

Mr. Keith called Finance to order at 7:49 P.M.

Mr. Keith commented on the challenges to create a balanced budget along with the Board's commitment not to cut any programs.

Director of Business Affairs, Mr. Taylor reviewed the slide presentation outlining the revised projections for revenues. He also reviewed the Act 1 Exceptions and the Act 1 Index against the school district tax rate.

Mr. Taylor reviewed Debt Service trends, Local Revenues, State Revenues and Federal Revenues. He also reviewed slides showing Expenditures By Object and Expenditures by Function.

Mr. Taylor explained the implementation process for the Property Tax Rebate. Mr. Keith added that the Property Tax Rebate would be an option for the Board to vote on at next week's meeting.

Board members expressed concerns about the ever increasing budget demands and the lack of adequate funding from state and federal sources.

Mr. Taylor stated that as he and the administration continue to work on the budget throughout the next week. He stated that at this time, to close the deficit, a tax increase of approximately 4.35% would be the anticipated recommendation next week.

Mr. Keith adjourned the Finance Committee Meeting 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Taylor" clearly distinguishable.

Michael Taylor, C.P.A.

Board Secretary / Director of Business Affairs