

SCHOOL BOARD
POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

School Administration Building

School Board Room

August 12, 2026, 1:00 P.M.

This meeting was livestreamed and can be viewed through the link below:

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Committee Members: Carolyn Weems, Chair; Mark Bohenstiel; Sharon Felton; Cheryl Woodhouse; Kamala Lannetti; Laura Beth Mattson

I. Attendees: Matthew Delaney, Leann Turnbull, James Miani, Robert Jameson, Darnita Trotman, Stephanie Enzmann, Brian Jackson, Tiffany Jacobs

II. Call to Order: 1:06 p.m.

III. Election of the Chair:

Mr. Bohenstiel nominated Ms. Weems to be Chair for FY27. There were no other nominations. There was no discussion. Ms. Weems called for a vote.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Ms. Weems will continue as Chair of the Policy Review Committee.

IV. Adoption of the Agenda:

Ms. Weems noted that A. under Action should read Policy 3-74, not 3-47.

Motion to adopt the agenda with the correction to A. under Action was made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

V. Adoption of the Minutes:

A. Policy Review Committee Meeting June 24, 2026

Motion to adopt the minutes made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

VI. Action:

A. Policy 3-74 New Construction/Additions/Alterations: Naming of School or Parts Thereof, Commemorative Displays

Motion to send Policy 3-74 to the next School Board meeting on Information was made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

B. Policy 4-32 Employee Associations

Discussion regarding types of associations currently considered Employee Associations, groups that have applied, the process to apply to go into the schools, and if an organization wanted to come in but was not allowed. Administration will provide additional information at the next meeting.

Motion to bring Policy 4-32 back to the next PRC meeting for further discussion made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

C. Policy 4-36 Payroll Deductions

Discussion regarding how it is verified that employees are still members, allowing payroll deductions to continue annually without the employee opting in, why November 1 is the date for notifying payroll, and the cost to the division for processing payroll deductions for association fees.

Motion to bring Policy 4-36 back to the next PRC with amended recommendations based on today's meeting, made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

D. Policy 4-48 Leave of Absence for Employee and Professional Organization Officers

Discussion regarding changes based on updates to the Code of Virginia.

Motion to send Policy 4-48 to the next School Board meeting on Information made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

E. Policy 4-88 Holidays

Discussion regarding adding Columbus Day to the list of state holidays.

Motion to send to Policy 4-88 to the next School Board meeting on information made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes:3 Nays: 0

F. Policy 5-30 Graduation Requirements/Diplomas/Certificates

Discussion on the added language is directly from the Code of Virginia.

Motion to send Policy 5-30 to the next School Board meeting on Information made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

G. Policy 5-38 Freedom of Speech and Expression – Students

There was no discussion on Policy 5-38.

Motion to send Policy 5-38 to the next School Board meeting on information made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

H. Policy 5-41 Student Dress and Grooming Codes

Brief discussion on appropriate dress in schools, the concerns regarding enforcing standards, and uniforms.

Motion to send Policy 5-41 to the next School Board meeting on Information made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

I. Policy 5-46 Student Government/City-Wide Student Cooperative Association

There was no discussion on Policy 5-46.

Motion to send Policy 5-46 to the next School Board meeting on Information made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

J. Policy 5-52 Cell Phone-Free Education – Cellular Phones and Personal Electronic Communication Devices

Discussion regarding adding the term smart devices to the policy.

Motion to send Policy 5-52 to the next School Board meeting on information made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

K. Policy 5-66 Student Directory Information

There was no discussion on Policy 5-66.

Motion to send Policy 5-66 to the next School Board meeting for information made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

L. Policy 7-57 Vehicles, Motorized Devices and Animals on School Grounds

Discussion on the current rise in e-bike use among children and the concern regarding use on school property.

Motion to send Policy 7-57 to the next School Board meeting on information made by Ms. Felton. Second by Mr. Bohenstiel.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

VII. Other Business:

A. General Assembly Updates

Ms. Lannetti explained that there were 140 bills involving education and that some of these will show up in regulation and some in policy.

Ms. Felton requested an announcement regarding the bus arm and school zone cameras. It was confirmed by Ms. Woodhouse that Ms. Livas is currently working on sending out communication.

VIII. Next Meeting: September 9, 2026, 3:30 p.m.

IX. Adjourn: 3:45 p.m.