POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Immediately following the Education Committee Meeting
Northern Lehigh District Office
Board Room

Public Comment -- Restricted to Agenda Items. To preserve the purpose of Public Comment, questions for the Board should be submitted through nlsd4u@nlsd.org rather than during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Committee Members							Remaining Meeting Dates
X	Gale Husack Chairperson	X	Dr. Matthew Link		Gene Marks		*November 2, 2026*
X	Gary Fedorcha Co-Chairperson	X	Dr. Lori Bali	X	Sherri Molitoris		
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	Natalie Snyder	X	Nichole Fink	X	Dr. Tania Stoker		
X	Joyce Thompson	X	Eric Hill	X	Daniel Williams		
X	Timothy Weaber	X	Nicholas Krajcic				
X	Angela Williams	X	Christopher Mann				

Also in attendance: Mr. Steven Haas

AGENDA
(Dr. Stoker)

- Policy 102 - Academic Standards
  - This policy was last updated in December 2025
  - Updated to reflect the requirements of a new section of the PA School
  - Code, 24 P.S. Sec. 15-1556, regarding Social Media Literacy. This law requires that the standards adopted by the State Board of Education in accordance with Chapter 4 regarding academic standards and

instruction include instruction to students on the potential health and academic impacts, and safety and security concerns associated with social media use.
    - Updated to add the new Chapter 4 requirement for Personal Finance, and to more clearly identify which standards are based on PA Core Standards and PA Integrated Standards.
    - This is a mandated policy
    - Committee supports moving this policy to first reading at the September Board meeting.
- Policy 105 - Curriculum
    - This policy was last updated in December 2025
    - Legal citations to reference 24 P.S. Sec. 15-1512.1 and 24 P.S. Sec. 15-1556 were added to Policy 105. Curriculum due to specific instructional requirements regarding Physical Education and Social Media respectively.
    - This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes
    - Committee supports moving this policy to first reading at the September Board meeting.
- Policy 204.1 - Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks *NEW*
    - The Omnibus School Code added a new section to the PA School Code, 24 P.S. Sec. 13-1327.4. School District Enrollee Wellness Checks.
    - Policy must be posted on the district's website
    - This new law requires the following for any student who receives academic instruction exclusively through the district's virtual instruction program for the full school year:
        - Weekly wellness checks
        - Health screenings
        - Standardized testing
        - Academic or advising sessions
        - In-person, school sponsored activities chaperoned by the district employee/representative
    - If the wellness check is not completed within the specified timeframe, the district is required to conduct a wellness review conference with the student and the student's parent/guardian. If the student does not participate in the wellness review conference, the district is required to conduct an in-person wellness check.
    - Accurate Recordkeeping and Reporting of wellness checks
    - This is a mandated policy

    - Committee supports moving this policy to first reading at the September Board meeting.
- Policy 209 - Health Examinations/Screenings
    - This policy was last updated in February 2021
    - Updated to address the amendments to 24 P.S. Sec. 14-1402 and 14-1408.
    - Removed the student tuberculosis (TB) testing requirement. Although the PA School Code continues to reference TB testing, Pennsylvania Department of Health and Education guidance from 1997 permits school districts to request a modification of this requirement.
        - Following Board approval of the policy change, the District will submit the required request to the PA Department of Health, Division of School Health, to formally modify the District's student TB testing requirements.
    - Height and weight measurements of students are to be conducted by the school nurse or other health care practitioner to track a student's growth pattern, not to calculate the student's weight/height ratio.
    - The student's confidentiality must be maintained and parents/guardians must be provided notification of their right and the procedure to request an exemption from such measurements.
    - A new section of the PA School Code, 24 P.S. Sec. 14-1426, requires the district to make eating disorder awareness and education information and materials available for students in grades six through twelve and posted on the district's website.
    - This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes
    - Committee supports moving this policy to first reading at the September Board meeting.
- Policy 246 - School Wellness
    - This policy was last updated in June 2006
    - The section on Physical Education was updated to comply with amendments to 24 P.S. Sec. 15-1512.1 regarding the requirement to maintain student confidentiality when instruction involves the collection of a student's height and weight measurements. Also use of the measurements to calculate a student's body mass index (BMI) is prohibited.
    - Addition of a section addressing Social Media in compliance with 24 P.S. Sec. 15-1556 Social Media Literacy Education and academic standards.
    - Social media literacy in schools must address the following:

        - Mental, psychological and physical effects of social media and mobile device use.
        - Potential impacts of social media and mobile device use on academic growth and learning.
        - Safe use of social media, including how to recognize suspicious online behavior including, but not limited to:
        - Cyberbullying.
        - Predatory behavior.
        - Potential human trafficking.
        - Personal security and privacy on mobile devices.
    - The Omnibus Bill removed 24 P.S. 7-742 Lead Testing from the PA School Code and replace it with 24 P.S. Sec. 7-742.1 Lead Testing.
    - This policy is a mandated policy
    - Committee supports moving this policy to first reading at the September Board meeting.
- Policy 249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying
    - This policy was last updated in April 2025
    - The Omnibus Bill amended the PA School Code, 24 P.S. Sec. 13-1303.1-A. Policy Relating to Bullying by adding Cyberbullying to the title.
    - Updated to include two new definitions from the statute for:
        - Artificial Intelligence-Generated or Modified Media.
        - Cyberbullying
    - The policy is now required to include "procedures for investigating a report of alleged bullying and cyberbullying". The procedures that were previously contained in 249-AR-0 have been moved directly into the policy content to comply with this requirement. The merging of the policy and procedural content resulted in content realignment and additional sections related to Reporting, Investigation and Response to Bullying/Cyberbullying.
    - This is a mandated policy
    - Committee supports moving this policy to first reading at the September Board meeting.
- Policy 309 - Assignment and Transfer
    - This policy was last updated in March 2016
    - This policy revision was initiated by NLSD rather than through a PSBA recommended update.
    - This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes
    - Committee supports moving this policy to first reading at the September Board meeting.

        - School Board Director Weaber does not support the policy moving forward.
- Policy 704 - Maintenance
    - This policy was last updated in June 2019
    - Updated to include a reference to 24 P.S. Sec. 7-742.1 Lead Testing.
    - An option was provided for testing lead levels in drinking water.
    - This is a recommended policy
    - Committee supports moving this policy to first reading at the September Board meeting.
- Policy 803 - School Calendar
    - This policy was last updated in October 2024
    - Updated to comply with new amendments to 24 P.S. Sec. 15-1506. Flexible Instruction Days (FID).
    - The policy states that each year, prior to finalizing the school calendar, the Board must discuss the use or potential use of flexible instructional days and remote or virtual instructional days at a public meeting.
    - This is a recommended policy
    - Committee supports moving this policy to first reading at the September Board meeting.
- Policy 805.2 - School Security Personnel
    - This policy was last updated in April 2026
    - Revised to reflect the amendment to 24 P.S. Sec. 13-1309-B clarifying that the School Safety and Security Coordinator is responsible to coordinate training and resources for staff and students on suicide awareness and prevention, and cyberbullying awareness and prevention
    - Section on board-approved agreements was updated to more detailed language
    - This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes
    - Committee supports moving this policy to first reading at the September Board meeting.
- Policy 822 - Automated External Defibrillators (AED)/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
    - This policy was last updated in March 2003
    - The existing policy was outdated to the extent that a replacement with the updated PSBA policy was more appropriate than individual revisions.
    - Updated in accordance with Act 17 of 2026 and clarified which individuals in the school entity must maintain their certification in the

use of an AED and CPR as well as optional training opportunities for all employees and volunteers.
    - Updated to include information on the annual report the school entity must make to the PA Department of Education on their AEDs, including the number, condition, age, expiration date, and placement of the AEDs in each school building.
    - This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes
    - Committee supports moving this policy to first reading at the September Board meeting.
- Policy 916 - Volunteers
    - This policy was last updated in April 2022
    - This policy revision was initiated by NLSD rather than through a PSBA recommended update.
    - Discussed difference between Position Volunteers and Guest Volunteers
    - Timelines for approval of Position Volunteers (especially field trip chaperones)
    - Updated with regard to TB test requirements to explicitly include that The Pennsylvania Department of Health defines volunteers providing direct services as those who have direct contact with students for ten (10) or more hours per week.
    - This policy is recommended for legal liability purposes
    - Committee supports moving this policy to first reading at the September Board meeting.