

BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 30, 2022
6:30-8:30pm

In-person: Helen Nelson Meeting Room
or join

Virtually: Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/sxw-wrmg-xut>

MEETING MINUTES

VIDEO RECORDING OF MEETING

- I. Call to Order - 6:30PM
 - II. Roll Call - Chair: Mrs. Danielle Drozd, Mrs. Beth Manke Hutvagner, Ms. Jessica Weaver, Stephen Foresi, Dr. Maureen Brummett, Ms. Kristen Freeman, Mr. Seth Korn
 - III. Public Participation -
 - a. Richard DiSilva: Offered an apology to Dr. Brummett and the BOE Chairperson. Expressed concern with BOE members not conducting their duties appropriately. Shared concerns about Meeting Agenda Policy and Public Complaints Policy.
 - b. Anastasia Yopp: Expressed concerns about the policy on the setting of meeting agendas. Believes that it is too restrictive and the committee chairperson should be able to do so without discussion with the Superintendent or Board Chair. Wants another mental health day added for students. Expressed concerns about BOE pushing work to the Superintendent. Expressed concerns about language in the Public Complaints Policy specific to “anonymous” complaints will not be acted upon.
 - c. Richard Lavarriere: Concerns about the setting of meeting agendas and the public complaints policy.
 - IV. Old Business
 - V. New Business
 - 1. Discussion - Mr. Foresi opened with an opportunity for all team members of tonight's meeting to review our Board Bylaws (Methods of Operation), Mission and Goals, along with our Equity resources to set the stage for policy discussion and decision-making.
 - a. Updated Legislation:
 - i. [6146_1: Grading/Assessment Systems Weighted Grades](#): A discussion about the accompanying regulation ensued. Ultimately, it was decided to continue implementing the policy as is.
 - ii. [Definition of Attendance](#): Resolution VII.A.
 - 1. (Impacted Policies: [5118](#), [5113](#) (CABE), [5113_2](#), [5113_21](#), -
- The committee agreed to add the legislative language to applicable policies for discussion at our December 14, 2022 full Board meeting.
- iii. Student Discipline (P.A. #22-47, Section 19): “Any teacher is allowed to request a behavior intervention meeting with the school’s intervention team for any student whose behavior has caused:
 - 1. a serious disruption to other students' instruction or

2. self-harm or physical harm to the teacher, another student, or the teacher's classroom.

- (Impacted Policies: [5144](#), [5114](#) (CREC))

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VI. Public Participation

a. Richard DiSilva: Shared opinion about the Grading System, the term “anonymous” in the complaints policy, and that Mrs. Drozd made the dress code policy and grading policy personal. He believes BOE members should not use personal matters to inform policy decisions.

b. Anastasia Yopp: Expressed desire again to have a mental wellness day added for students. Expressed concern about wording in the Public Complaints policy - revise to meet committee's intentions. Expressed concerns about the setting of meeting agendas. Feels its taking power away from elected officials. Wants to know why this change was made?

c. Melissa Tulisano: Wants the committee to consider allowing parent voice at BOE meetings. Feels the Public Complaints Policy eliminates this option.

d. Sarah Yaiser: Expressed concerns about how parent participation was discouraged in the Public Complaints Policy.

e. Richard Lavierrie: Requested a consideration to clarify “severe disruption” and revise “no authority” in policies.

f. Dana Havens: Recommended a change of wording in the Public Complaints Policy to better reflect the committee's intentions.

VII. Adjournment : 8:10PM

Please reference the [Video Recording](#) of this meeting for more specific discussion details.

Committee Members: Mrs. Danielle Drozd, Committee Chair, Mrs. Beth Manke Hutvagner
Ms. Jessica Weaver, Stephen Foresi, Assistant Superintendent of Schools