

RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY/CURRICULUM MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016

- I. The meeting was called to order by Lea Breuer at 5:15 pm in the Superintendent's Office/Board Room.
- II. Roll Call: Board Committee members Lea Breuer, Emilie Mumm, and Kerri Schier were present. Also in attendance from the school district were: Dr. Athey, Carol Harris, and Trudy DeSimons. Community members present included: Darlene Mueller, Kathy Reising, and Bob and Sharon Wood.
- III. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. Dr. Athey noted that public notice of this meeting was provided on December 28, 2015 at 12:00 pm. The motion to approve this action was made by Kerri Schier and seconded by Emilie Mumm. Motion carried by voice vote.
- V. No one signed up to speak under "Appearances."
- VI. Under "Old Business", three policies were brought up for discussion to see if any other edits/revisions needed to be made before they are taken to Board next week for second reading.
 - A. **346 – Student Assessment policy.** No edit or revisions were made. The committee is good with how this policy now stands.
 - B. **342.7 – Services/Programs for English Language Learners** policy. No edits or revisions were made. The committee is good with how this policy now stands.
 - C. **424 – Open Enrollment** policy. On page 3, under 2. Students with Disabilities, the very last sentence of paragraph 1 should read, "In any instance where an application is submitted by a students with a disability but there is no current IEP available for the student, the District will use the procedures defined in DPI's administrative rules to determine whether the district has the appropriate special education program or space. "

The Committee recommended that these 3 policies go to the Board on Jan. 13, 2016, for 2nd readings (and adoption).
- VII. Under "New Business", five (5) policies were discussed
 - A. **462 – Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship** policy and rule
In March, 2015, the RRSB Board adopted a Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship policy and procedure. Since then, our counseling staff identified additional revisions to the policy/procedure. Caron Townsend, the high school counselor, is recommending the Board approve this revised policy at its January 13, 2016 meeting. Because this policy needs to be received by the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) before February 1, 2016, she is requesting that the Board waive its two readings requirement and approve this revised policy at its January 13, 2016 regular Board meeting. The Policy/Curriculum Committee supports this recommendation.

B. **112 Strategic Planning** policy

The Committee looked at 2 sample policies on strategic planning and recommended that a new version (including components of both sample policies) be brought to the February Policy Committee meeting for review. (The Committee is recommending that the Board's current policy on Goal Setting be retired upon adoption of a Strategic Planning Policy.)

C. **343.4 Course Options Program** policy

There was some discussion about how course options differ from youth options. By Oct. 1 and March 1 of every year, high school students can request taking courses through Youth Options which have to do with taking courses through institutions of higher education. Course Options are courses students may take from other high schools – either in person or via distance education. RRSD Administration believes that time and transportation concerns will limit the number of students exercising course options, but we need to have a process in place in the event requests are received from students within (or outside of) our district. The Committee recommended the draft policy go to the Board for a first reading at the January 13, 2016 Board meeting.

D. **345.6 – Graduation Requirements**

Our policy needs to be revised/updated because the State of Wisconsin is requiring that all students, **effective with the Class of 2017**, need to pass a civics test requirement – specifically, every student must answer correctly 6- of 100 questions on a civics test (identical to the Immigrations and Naturalization's citizenship test in order to graduate from a Wisconsin public, charter, or private school participating in a parental choice program). The Committee recommends Board adoption of the revised policy pending information on the process Administration will use to comply effective with the Class of 2017. (HS Principal Clay Koenig clarified after the meeting that the civics test is being administered this year to all RRSD freshmen, sophomore and junior students and that beginning with the 2016/17 school year, the test will be administered to all RRSD freshmen as part of their freshman Civics class.)

E. **345.61 Early Graduation Policy**

This is a new policy for the district. The Board approved mid-year graduations for two students this year due to extenuating circumstances. Administration is recommending a policy and process be put in place to apply to future situations where early graduation is requested. The Committee recommended that the policy go to the Board on January 13, 2016 for a first reading.

VIII. **Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items**

- A. 453.5 Head Lice - Our current Head Lice policy was last approved in 1995. We've drafted a revised policy that considers new community health information and new perspectives on how schools should deal with students who have head lice.
- B. Administration will be bring additional revised policies to the Committee in February including:
 - 411 Equal Educational Opportunity Policy (proposed revisions)
 - 133 Filling Board Vacancies (proposed revisions)
 - 363.1 Internet Safe and Responsible Use Policy (for review)

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Kerrie Schier and seconded by Lea Breuer was made to adjourn at 5:59 pm. The motion carried by voice vote.

The next meeting of the Policy/Curriculum Committee will be at 5:15 pm on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 in the Superintendent's Office/Board Room.