

River Ridge School District
Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2017

The Policy/Curriculum Committee met in the Superintendent's Office/Board Room of the ES/MS/HS located at 11165 County Hwy P, Patch Grove, WI 53817. The following business was conducted:

- I. Call to Order. Kerri Schier called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.
- II. Roll Call. The following board committee members were in attendance: Adam Guthrie, Karla Irish, and Kerri Schier. Also present were: Supt./Elem. Principal Dr. Jeff Athey.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. Statement of Notice. Kerri Schier shared that public notice of this meeting had been given on October 26, 2017 at 11:00 am.
- V. Appearances. There were none.
- VI. Old Business.

The Committee reviewed the following policies, which are to go before the full School Board for a second reading. No additional changes were made. The Committee is recommending they be approved as presented.

- a. 431 Student Attendance [revised] – 2nd reading
 - b. 431 Rule Student Attendance Procedures [revised] – 2nd reading
 - c. 443.1 Student Dress Code [revised] – 2nd reading
 - d. 443.2 Student Conduct on School Buses [revised] – 2nd reading
 - e. 443.6 Student Possession/Use of Weapons [to replace current 443.5] – 2nd reading
 - f. 443.6 Rule Student Weapons Policy Enforcement Procedures [new] – 2nd reading
- VII. New Business.
- a. 345.6 High School Graduation Requirements [revised] – 1st reading
A slight change is being recommended to this policy due to a revision in 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, which became effective on September 23, 2017. The change has to do with section "C. The Civics Test Requirement." The last sentence should now read, "If the IEP Team decides that the student must complete the civics test graduation requirement, the student must complete the test but does not have to reach the 65/100 correct in order to meet the requirement." This wording pertains to Special Needs students. Otherwise, the expectation under "C." is that all regular education students must take and pass the civics test in order to receive his/her high school diploma upon graduation. The Committee recommends that this change go to the full School Board for a first reading.
 - b. 881.3 Sunday/Wednesday Night Activities for Public School Students [revised] – 1st reading
Dr. Athey brought this policy forward for discussion only. During the past month, he had been contacted by two churches in the school district about their religious education

classes held on Wednesdays after school and in the evening. They expressed their hope that these students who attend won't have to make a choice between religious education and sports practices that are held up until 6:30pm. Dr. Athey shared with the Committee that one of these churches who contacted him serves a supper meal to the students between 6:15-6:45pm. That's a problem for a high school student-athlete to get there for supper and then MYF from 6:45-7:30pm.

In our discussion, Dr. Athey shared that in other schools he has worked in, 6:00pm was the time on Wednesday nights when practices needed to be concluded because of "Family Night." The Committee asked him to check with other school districts in this area to learn what their practice cut off time is on Wednesday night "Church/Family Night" and bring that information back to our next meeting. This would include information about practices on Sundays and holidays, also.

While it doesn't pertain to this policy, it was mentioned that parents, in some sports, are expected to provide a meal for the team before away games. A concern was expressed, "What if the parent(s) cannot afford to provide a meal for the entire team? Should they be expected to do so anyway? If they don't, should their student-athlete be told he/she cannot eat because their parent(s) didn't provide a meal?" Dr. Athey will speak with Mr. Koenig and Mr. Winkers to inquire about this practice.

881.3 will not go forward to the full School Board for a first reading at this time.

- VIII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 5:00pm.
- IX. Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items. There were none.
- X. Adjournment. Karla Irish moved to adjourn the meeting. Adam Guthrie seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.