

RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
POLICY/CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015

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- I. The meeting was called to order by Lea Breuer at 5:15 PM in the Room 15.
- II. Roll Call: Board Committee members Lea Breuer, Emilie Mumm, and Kerri Schier were present. Also present: Dr. Athey, Carol Harris and Trudy DeSimons. There were also two community members present.
- III. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- IV. Dr. Athey noted that public notice of the meeting was provided on Nov. 2, 2015 at 4:00 pm. A motion was made by Emilie Mumm to verify the meeting notice. The motion was seconded by Lea Breuer. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- V. **Old Business** - The following policies were discussed:
  - A. *187 Public and Staff Participation at Board Meetings*
  - B. *345.1 Grading Policy*
  - C. *171.1 Public Notification of Board Meetings*
  - D. *171.21 Agenda Format*

Regarding policy 171.21 Agenda Format, Lea Breuer requested that an agenda item for "Board of Education Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items" be included as part of the Agenda Format. 171.21 will be revised accordingly prior to a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading (and adoption) by the RRSD Board.

The Committee recommended that all four policies go to the RRSD Board for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, and adoption, at the November 11 Board meeting.

- VI. **New Business** - The following policies were discussed:
  - A. *346 Student Assessment Policy* – This policy was revised by administration to align with current practice; the word "assessment" was substituted for "testing".
  - B. *342.7 Services/Programs for English Language Learners* – This is a new policy for the RRSD and one that is recommended by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards. An administrative rule (procedure) will be documented by RRSD's Title 1/Reading Specialist, Deb Trautsch. The administrative rule will not require board approval.
  - C. *424 Open Enrollment* – The RRSD Board adopted a comprehensive Open Enrollment policy in January 2015 through the assistance of Eileen Brownlee, the District's attorney. Wisconsin's 2015-17 Budget Bill necessitates a revision to our policy. Beginning with open enrollment attendance in a non-resident district in the 2016-17 school year, the authority of a resident district to deny (or revoke) the open enrollment of a student with disabilities on the basis of an undue financial burden is eliminated. School districts must modify their open enrollment policies accordingly before Feb. 1, 2016. RRSD Administration is recommending our policy be changed to comply with the new state law. Administration is also recommending two additional changes, both of which have been reviewed and approved by Eileen Brownlee. The changes are: 1) to indicate that the board shall annually establish, at a Board meeting held in January, space limitations applicable to non-resident open

enrollment. (The Board needs to state each January whether or not there are space limitations for the coming year. Historically, RRSD has not denied applications due to space limitations. We may continue our practice of not designating a space restriction. But, we need to state in our Board minutes, each January, something to the effect of "RRSD will not consider space, or deny applications due to space." 2) Under the policy section "Reapplication" revise the paragraph to read "once a non-resident is accepted as an open-enrollment student in the district, the student may be required to apply one time at the beginning of middle school, junior high, or high school." This language provides the district with the opportunity to request reapplication if a situation merits.

*The Committee recommended that policies 346, 342.7 and 424 each be brought to the RRSD Board on November 11 for a first reading.*

- D. *343.4 Course Options Program Policy* – Administration is working to draft a new, required policy for the district to outline our criteria for evaluating requests from students who wish to take courses offered by another organization. Clay Koenig and Caron Townsend will work to shape a policy for our district's needs. December is the earliest date that a proposed Course Options policy will come back to the Committee for review.

**VII. Recommendations for Upcoming Agendas:**

Administration will bring 2 to 3 policies to the Committee's December meeting for review; these may include:

- 343.4 Course Options Policy – a new policy
- Chromebook Policy – a new policy that requires students to take responsibility for preventing damage and/or loss to handheld technology.
- Graduation Policy – a revised policy to include a new state mandate that students take and pass a civics test in order to obtain a high school diploma.

Lea Breuer moved adjournment and Kerri Schier seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM.

The next meeting of the Policy/Curriculum Committee will be at 5:15 PM on December 2, 2015 in Room 15.