

River Ridge School District
Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
December 6, 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 5:00 pm.
- II. Roll Call. The following board committee members were in attendance: Adam Guthrie, Karla Irish, and Kerri Schier. Also present was: 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 November 29, 2017 at 11:00 am.
- V. Appearances. There were none.
- VI. Old Business.
 - a. 345.6 High School Graduation Requirements [revised] – 2nd reading
No additional changes were made to this policy. The Committee recommends this policy go forward to the Board for a second reading.
- VII. New Business.
 - a. 364 School Counseling Program [revised] – 1st reading
The Committee recommends replacing the current 364 policy with the WASB sample policy provided. This updated policy satisfies the requirement that each school district develops a policy on guidance and counseling services that includes an express student nondiscrimination statement, and connects the school counseling program to the district's academic and career planning services as outlined in PI26 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. This policy will come before the School Board for a first reading.
 - b. 460 Student Awards and Scholarships [revised] – 1st reading
The Committee recommends replacing the current 460 policy with the WASB sample policy provided. The new policy addresses the regulatory requirement that the school district have a policy addressing nondiscrimination in the administration of scholarships and awards. It also assumes that the school district will establish criteria and procedures for administering the state's scholarship programs in a separate policy or rule. This policy will come before the School Board for a first reading.
 - c. 461-Rule Procedures for Awarding the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship [revised] – 1st reading
The Committee recommends replacing our current 461 rule with the WASB sample rule provided. This sample rule assumes the district has a specific high school from which the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship is awarded, as well as a high school that runs on a semester-based schedule.
The following edits have been noted:
 - Under "2." at the end add – Note Policy 345.61 Early Graduation
 - Under "3.", "The student must have been enrolled full-time in the District's high school for at least 3 complete semesters prior to the start of the spring semester in which the scholarship is awarded.
 - Under "4.", "While enrolled in the District's high school, the student must have

earned a minimum of 18 graded credits that are included in the student's calculated grade point average.

- Under paragraph beginning with "In the case of a tie..." it should read, "the high school faculty committee, comprised of the high school guidance counselor, the high school principal and the superintendent, appointed by the building principal..."

With these changes, this policy will come before the School Board for a first reading.

- d. 881.3 Sunday/Wednesday Night Activities for Public School Students – discussion
Dr. Athey shared that the "District Policies regarding Athletic Practices" was discussed at the Six Rivers Conference Superintendents meeting in November. Dr. Athey discovered that many of the other Six Rivers Conference Schools allow their athletic teams to practice up to 6:30pm on Wednesday nights. There superintendents report they have not had any problems with sports conflicting with religious activities on Wednesday night. They also said that when an athletic practice held on a Sunday or a holiday, it's a rare exception and that permission is given in advance by the high school principal to allow the practice, in the instance that a game is held the next day. The Committee is recommending holding off on bringing this policy forward for a first reading. They would like to see what transpires in the next several weeks with our high school athletes who wish to participate in religious activities and go to practice until 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings.
- e. 860 Visitors to the School During the School Day – discussion
Dr. Athey shared that he had a parent make a request to come to the school to have lunch with his daughter, in this case the parents are divorced and have split custody. In cases like this, administration will often check the student's file to see if the school has paperwork from the courts that spell out visitation times to guide the school in decision making for such requests. Our 860 policy grants that decision-making authority to the building principal. Dr. Athey would like to see more definitiveness to the policy, but has no recommendations for changes at this time.
- f. Dr. Athey notified the Committee about a bus transportation complaint he received this past week from a parent. The complainant expressed dissatisfaction over his child not getting home until 4:17pm. Dr. Athey did some investigating and found out that the River Ridge School District has no such board policy related to the "transportation of students to/from school" nor do other area school districts we contacted or WASB. However, the current bus contract we have in place with Warco Bus Company states in Section 7-7.17, "that no student will be on the bus more than 70 minutes." In checking with Doug Hoffman, none of our bus riding students is on the school bus for more than one hour. The complainant has made a records request for a copy of the bus contact and payments made to Warco Bus Company the past two years. He has also asked for contact information to board members. At this point in time, Dr. Athey does not believe that Warco Bus Company is violating terms of the bus contract. The parent was told that he has the right to pick up his student after school if riding the bus home is not satisfactory.

VIII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 3, 2017 at 5:00pm.

IX. Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items. The Committee asked Dr. Athey if could bring forward two to three new policies for first reading for the next meeting.

- X. Adjournment. Karla Irish moved to adjourn the meeting. Adam Guthrie seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.