

RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY/CURRICULUM MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016

- I. The meeting was called to order by Lea Breuer at 7:04 a.m. in the Board Room.
- II. Roll Call: Board committee members Lea Breuer and Kerri Schier were present; Emilie Mumm was unable to attend. Also, in attendance from the school district were: Dr. Athey and Trudy DeSimons. There were no members from the public in attendance.
- III. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. Dr. Athey shared that public notice of this meeting was provided on Feb. 4, 2016 at 12 noon. The motion to approve this action was made by Kerri Schier and seconded by Lea Breuer. Motion carried.
- V. No one was signed up to speak under “appearances”.
- VI. Under “Old Business”. Three (3) policies we brought up for discussion to see if any other edits/revisions needed to be made before they are taken to the Board on Feb. 10 for second readings:
 - a. 343.4 Course Options Program policy – No additional changes made.
 - b. 345.4 Graduation Requirements – No additional changes made.
 - c. 345.61 Early Graduation Policy – No additional changes made.
 - d. 112 Strategic Planning – The Committee approved a policy for a first reading by the Board and recommended that the Strategic Planning policy replace the District’s current Goal Setting policy.
- VII. Under “New Business,” four (4) policies were discussed:
 - A. 453.5 Head Lice Policy (revised)

Dr. Athey explained that the current thinking is that lice are not considered a communicable disease. Current recommendations are to notify parents of children who have head lice but to not insist on immediate removal from school. Our revised Head Lice Policy reflects the new science about head lice. We will contact parents of children who have head lice and provide supporting information regarding eradication of lice from hair, clothing and bedding. Parents will have the choice of picking a child up early from school to begin treatment. The Committee approved the revised policy for a first reading by the Board.
 - B. 411 Equal Educational Opportunities

The District’s attorney, Eileen Brownlee, is recommending that we update our policy wording on equal education opportunities to read: “It is the policy of the River Ridge School District Board of Education that no person on the basis of race, color, creed, religion or religious affiliation, national origin or ancestry, age, sex or sexual orientation, marital or parental status, pregnancy, physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability, or any other reason prohibited by state or federal law shall be discriminated against, exclude from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any educational program or activity for which it is responsible or for which it receives financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education.” The Committee approved the revised policy for a first reading by the Board.

- C. 411 Rule: Discrimination Complaint Procedures – Administration is recommending the following revisions:
- 1) Eliminate the restatement of our EEO within the complaint policy (this prevents the need to update 411 when the EEO is updated);
 - 2) Create a separate step #7 indicating that copies of the complaint procedures be included in staff and student handbooks; and
 - 3) Add a section outlining procedures for maintaining complaint records. .

D. 133 Filling Board Vacancies

Wisconsin Assembly Bill 225, which was signed into law on October 23, 2015, requires school boards of common, union high school, union high school, and unified districts to adopt a policy on how to fill board vacancies if members are unable to settle on a replacement within 60 days of the date on which the vacancy first exists. School boards must adopt such a policy by July 1, 2016.

The Committee examined both the current 311 policy (last approved on June 9, 1999) and the proposed replacement policy. The proposed replacement policy provides a process for filling the vacancy if members are unable to settle on a replacement within 60 days of the date on which the vacancy first exists.

The Committee recommends that this revised policy go to the Board on Feb. 10 for a first reading.

- VIII. There were no suggestions or recommendations of policies to address for the next meeting. The committee requested Dr. Athey bring 2-3 new or revised policies for the Committee's consideration.
- IX. Kerri Schier moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lea Breuer. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 am. The next Policy/Curriculum Committee meeting will be held on a date to be determined in March.