

Educational Policy Committee Meeting
AGENDA/MINUTES
Monday, November 28, 2016
7:00-8:00 P.M.
Elm Street School District Conference Room

Members Present: **Jack Wiseman**, Ed Rabasco, Missy Hodgkin, Melanie Harvey, Tina Love
Members Absent:
Other BOD Members Present: Mary Martin
Administrators Present: Tina Meserve
Staff Members Present:

Item 1: Review of Board Norms SP: E.2.a (Mary Martin)

School Board survey results indicated a need to review the norms for revisions. Mary reviewed the norms and the committee discussed whether any norms needed updating. It was agreed that the norms were solid and they just needed to be reviewed periodically. The norms are on the back of the name tags and these will be referenced when the Board needs a reminder about the agreed upon behaviors.

Item 2: Strategic Plan Revisions SP: E.1.a (Mary Martin)

Section E: Board Governance –

The committee reviewed section E of the Strategic Plan. We combined E4.a and b, which focus on staff interaction and communication into a broader category called Staff Recognition. We also added advocacy as a goal for the Board. This will include advocating at the local, state and federal level when appropriate. A final area of focus was on E2.a Board Expectations and Culture. We added ongoing professional development of Board members that will include discussions of Board specific publications.

Item 3: Community Engagement SP: E.5 (Jack Wiseman) This topic was covered in Personnel & Finance.

Discussion included how to inform and engage the community on issues of the school department. The current need is to get information out about the building project. Tina discussed the need to get the community involved between January and April so that people have all the information they need prior to the May/June votes. Tina will work with the administrative team to inform staff and students. The committee agreed that the Board needs to participate in outreach, as well. This could include handing out flyers at craft fairs, sporting or music events and attending other community events that provide an opportunity to talk with people who do not have children in our schools. Tina and Mary will set up a *Friends of RSU 16* group that includes people from all 3 towns who are invested in education and also the town.

Adjourned: 8:25 p.m.

