

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Date: October 24, 2022
6:15 p.m.

ELM STREET SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present: **Ed Rabasco**, Emily Rinchich, Andera Winn, Joe Parent

Members Absent: Beth Martin

Other Board Members Present: Mary Martin, Angela Swenson, Sarah Robinson, Christine Downs, Mike Downing

Administrators Present: Ken Healey

Staff Members Present:

Ed Rabasco started the meeting at 6:12 PM

Item 1: Ed Policy Subcommittee Minutes 9/26/22 - The subcommittee discussed the last meetings minutes and they were not changed, and will return to the full board as originally written.

Item 2: Revisit Policies from 9/26/22 meeting:

IJJ - Instructional & Library Materials Selection - There was a very in depth discussion about whether the policy should use the terms “pornography” and “sexually explicit material” to specifically describe inappropriate instructional and library materials. The concern expressed was that our students should not be exposed to these kinds of materials in the library or in the classroom. The counter concern was that both terms were difficult to define, that our attorney advised us not to include these words in our policy, and by including them it might lead to a broader interpretation that could start a never ending attempt to ban any book or instructional material that was individually objectionable. Both sides affirmed their position and understood the other’s argument. The Chair closed the discussion.

Joe Parent made a motion to bring the policy forward to the full board as presented and was seconded by Andrea Winn. By a vote of 3-1(Emily Rinchich) the motion passed.

IJJ-E - Citizen's Challenge Of Educational Media Form - Joe Parent ask to have a statement placed on the challenge form that required the challenger to have read or viewed the material in its entirety before submitting a challenge. The subcommittee agreed that the following statement should be placed under the forms heading prior to going forward to the school board: “Please read or view the material in its entirety before submitting the challenge”. Joe Parent made a motion to move this policy forward to the full school board with agreed upon edits and was seconded by Andrea Winn. By a 4-0 vote the motion was passed.

IMBB - Exemption from Required Instruction - Joe Parent made a motion to move this policy forward to the full school board as written and was seconded by Andrea Winn. By a 4-0 vote the motion was passed.

Item 3: Board Goals - Mary Martin presented an overview of the recently developed Board Goals. Some minor edits were suggested by the subcommittee. Joe Parent made a motion to move these goals forward to the full school board with agreed upon edits and was seconded by Andrea Winn. By a 4-0 vote the motion was passed.

Item 4: Updated 22-23 School Calendar - The superintendent explained why an adjustment to the school calendar was needed. All Covid exemptions are no longer in effect, so we can no longer have remote days without feeding our students on school premises. Joe Parent made a motion to move this revised school calendar forward to the full school board and was seconded by Emily Rinchich. By a 4-0 vote the motion was passed.

Item 5: Warrants Signed.

Adjournment: Joe Parent made a motion to adjourn and Andrea Winn seconded the motion, by a 4-0 vote the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.