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Educational Policy Committee Agenda Minutes

Educational Policy Standing Committee Description

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 | 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

The RSU 9 District Office | Main Street, Farmington

Members Present: Christina Bobrow, Doug Hiltz, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke
Members Absent: Dina Spenciner
Other Members Present: Ruth Gauvin, Gwen Doak
Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin, Joel Smith

****Action Item - Requires a Vote:*** *The Committee must collectively decide to approve, reject, amend, or table the item. Decisions on action items are recorded in the official minutes.*

I. Preliminary Business

A. Call to order (Superintendent Elkington as Chair Pro Tem)
    1. Meeting called to order at 7:05.

B. School Board Member Core Responsibilities and Requirements

C. *Call for nominations and votes (Superintendent Elkington as Chair Pro Tem)
    1. Committee Chair - No seconds needed
        a) Christina Bobrow nominated Wayne Kinney; the vote was unanimous other than the nominee who abstained
    2. Committee Vice Chair (“New” Chair) - No seconds needed
        a) Wayne Kinney nominated Katie Martikke; the vote was unanimous other than the nominee who abstained.
        b) Standing Committee Description - Elkington
    3. Review of previous meeting’s minutes - approved at the 6/23/26 Board meeting
        a) June 2, 2026
        b) Any questions
            (i) None
    4. Notes approval discussion - Elkington
        a) Order of approval
            (i) Proposal
            (ii) Decisions stand
            (iii) Wait for the following mtg. to approve notes by the committee
            (iv) Discussion/Questions
                - Proposal-The committees approve the meeting notes during the first part of the consent agenda at the first meeting of the month and then the full board approves during the second part of the consent agenda, with any required adjustments made prior to final board vote.
                - The superintendent will check policy and will bring it forward to the next board meeting.
                - There was a request to see the three proposals in writing.

II. Updates

A. Grant Awards - Poulin
   1. None

III. New

A. Presentations - Elkington
   1. Potential Special Education Staffing Needs
      a) Support Staff
         (i) Chris will come to the board with a proposal when needed.
      b) MaineCare funding will be used

IV. 2026/27 Policy Work

A. **School Year Index**

B. History
   1. Progress
      a) Much progress in the past five years.
   2. 26-27
      a) There are 50-60 policies on the docket for the upcoming year which will bring us pretty much up to date.

C. Committee responsibilities
   1. Prep work
      a) Members of this committee have lots of HW each month to be prepared.
   2. Extended time for this committee
      a) Because of all the paperwork

D. Policy Folders
   1. Part 1 *(Kinney)*
      a) *Major revisions to BEDH
         (i) Current Policy w/o revisions
         (ii) #1 changes
         (iii) #2 changes
         (iv) Most recent changes
         (v) Chair Kinney handed out another draft that he relayed combined all the other drafts. He shared his rationale for the adjustments.
            - Much discussion took place
            - Member Bobrow's suggestions-In the paragraph remove (i) and remove the definitions below the paragraph and remove offering repetitive comments (in paragraph) and also remove offering comments on matters unrelated to school or education. All in support of that adjustment.
            - Unanimous in moving the edited policy forward to the attorney and then to the full board if the attorney says the changes will work.
      b) *Brand New
         (i) GCFA Draft Employee Social Media Privacy
            - All set to move forward-unanimous
         (ii) GCSB Draft with board changes Employee Use of Social Media
            - Jeff's paragraphs are included in red at the bottom.

(i) At a past meeting, the second paragraph had already been removed.
(ii) In the first paragraph some adjustments were made.
(iii) Unanimous to move forward.

2. Part 2 (Kinney)
   a) *Major Revisions
      (i) KF DRAFT REV. Community Use of School Facilities
         - Thanks to Gerry Provencher, Angie LeClair, Alison Gamache, Nicole Ibarguen, Katie Merrill, Joel Smith, Shane Dudash, and Sayward Sweetser for serving on the committee reviewing the policy and accompanying documents.
      (ii) KF-R1 DRAFT REV. Community Use of School Facilities - July 2026
      (iii) RSU 9 Facility Use Agreement DRAFT (w/ Common Sense Rules & Fee Schedule) July 2026
         - Replaces Brochure
         - Part of the booking process
      (iv) Unanimous to move forward to the full board the two policies.
   b) *Brand New
      (i) DD Grants
         - Current Internal Procedure (not policy)
         - Unanimous to move forward to full board.
   c) There was a motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes to 8:20; all were in favor.
   d) *Review - few or no changes
      (i) JICE-Review Student-Publications
      (ii) KJ-Review Relations-with-Community-Organizations
      (iii) KLGA-Review Relations-With-School-Resource-Officers-And-Law-Enforcement-Authorities
      (iv) KLGA-R-Review
      (v) School-Resource-Officer-Law-Enforcement-Administrative-Regulation
         - Unanimous to approve.

V. Adjournment

A. Next Meeting - September 1, 2026
B. Adjourn Meeting without objection at 8:19.

Future Agenda items:

- September
  - Summer Professional Development work review & discussion
- District/School Academic Data (Oct Board Mtgs)