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Educational Policy Committee

Agenda - Draft Notes

August 5, 2025 | 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

The RSU 9 District Office, Main Street Farmington

Members Present: Dina Spenciner, Katie Martikke, Patti Hastings, Wayne Kinney

Members Absent: Lance Harvell

Other Members Present:

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin

Other Staff Present: Doug Hodum

1. Call Meeting to Order - Superintendent Elkington

- a. Meeting called to order at 7:04.

2. Elect New Chair - Elkington

- a. Nominations
 - i. Dina Spenciner nominated Wayne Kinney
- b. Discussion
- c. Vote
 - i. By acclamation

3. Elect Vice Chair - Chair Kinney

- a. Nominations
 - i. Dina Spenciner nominated Katie Martikke
- b. Discussion
- c. Vote
 - i. By acclamation

4. Previous Committee Minutes- [06-03-2025](#) - Chair Kinney

- a. Approved at 6.23.25 Board meeting
- b. Any questions?
 - i. None

5. Updates (7:15 - 7:25) - Assistant Superintendent Poulin

- a. Grant Awards
 - i. FYIs
 - 1. None have been moved forward as of yet

2. Request form has been updated to increase admin oversight and approval which was missing
- b. Summer Professional Development (PD) Curriculum Work
 - i. Review
 1. Science Curriculum work continued this summer
 - a. Ten staff are working with Assistant Superintendent Poulin
 - b. Looking at implementation work in classrooms this fall
 2. K-2 Literacy Curriculum work
 - a. Adjustments are continuing this summer
 3. Sped
 - a. BHP
 - b. Safety Care
 4. Tech Institute
 - a. Next week
 5. New staff/ teacher orientation/SPED training
 6. MTSS/CoP
 - a. Based on more staff requests & input (which started at last March's workshop day)
 - b. A CoP (Communities of Practice) handout was shared by AS Poulin
 - i. Multiple teaching staff have been involved in planning for more opportunities for higher-engagement opportunities
 - ii. Is the next step with staff input
 - iii. 55 staff have been trained to facilitate groups throughout the year
 - iv. Groups meet to begin the year and then once each month
 - v. Facilitators also meet
 - ii. Admin
 1. Last week
 - a. Evaluation work for Admin with state expert
 - i. On performance evaluation for prof staff
 2. This week
 - a. Two days on supporting staff with increased feedback and using templates to increase engaged discussions
 - b. Also looking at teaching & learning along with data-informed

6. New - Elkington

- a. Committee Functions & Duties Creation
 - i. [Standing Committee Resolution \(1\).docx](#)
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Suggestions?
 2. Ideas?

3. Chair Kinney will do a draft to bring it back to the committee.
4. It was also mentioned that a Public Relations Committee has been recommended. The superintendent will meet with the Board about this.

7. **Policy Work (Starts no later than 7:40 pm)** - Elkington

- a. [Three Years of Work](#)
- a. 25-26 Plan
 - i. Review
 1. Superintendent Elkington reviewed the documents. He suggested that the committee consider the Policy Work document for the year ahead. There was support for this.
 - ii. Discussion/Questions
 - iii. Vote to approve
 1. 4-0 in favor
- b. Policy Folders
 - i. Title IX Update
 1. Review
 - a. The Maine Human Rights Act guides this area for our state and state law. It is being suggested that we make no changes at this time to align with the Executive Order as an Executive Order is not a change in statute or rules. We need to wait to see if Title IX changes by statute and rules and/or if we receive different counsel from our attorneys.
 2. Discussion
 - a. There was agreement with the superintendent's recommendation.
 3. No Changes at this time to the following
 - a. [ACAA- Harassment of-Students](#)
 - b. [ACAA-R1-Student-DiscriminationHarassment Complaint-Procedures](#)
 - c. [ACAA-R2-Complaint Procedure](#)
 - d. [ACAB- Harassment of-School-Employees](#)
 - e. [ACAB R1 - Employee Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedures](#)
 - f. [ACAB-R2 Complaint Procedures](#)
 - ii. Review (Few or no Changes)
 1. [CEA-Educational-Advisory-Committee](#)
 2. [CEA-R- Educational-Advisory-Comm-Regulations](#)
 - a. There was a question about membership noted in the first paragraph of the regulation.
 - i. Change to ..."equal representation from each building appointed by the Association".

3. [CB- School-Superintendent](#)
4. [JLF-E- Suspected Child Abuse Neglect Report Form](#)
 - a. There was a question about the 24 hour reference in the document. It was confirmed that we would report immediately. All staff go to the principal, school counselor, or social worker to complete the form and to collaborate on the report.
 - b. We may need to offer additional training on this topic for administrators, school counselors and social workers.
- ~~5. KF-E1 - Bjorn Auditorium, Presentation Forum Application for Use~~
 - ~~a. To be linked~~
6. Vote
 - a. All set to move forward with these very minor changes as a review?
 - i. Unanimous 4-0
- iii. Major Revisions
 1. [BDE standing committees draft changes](#)
 2. Review/Discuss
 - a. Chair Kinney reviewed this document.
 - b. Needs a space after comma in A1.
 - c. The list of duties will be on the website and not in the policy manual.
 - d. Will go to the Board for two readings and approval. Information paragraphs will be listed separately on the district website under each committee."
 3. Next Steps?
 - a. Will go to the board for two readings.
 - i. All in favor.

8. Next Mtg. September 2, 2025

9. Adjourned at 7:59.

10. Future Agenda Items -

- a. A presentation schedule for upcoming meetings is being developed.