

Meeting: Policy & Governance Committee

Date: November 18, 2019

Time: 8:00am

Location: Administration Building, Room 137

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurie Klinkhammer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Torres	<input type="checkbox"/> Charles Vue
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Guests: Mary Ann Hardebeck, Jim Schmitt

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Meeting called to order at 8:10am.

1. Public Comment

- Sue Bornick, Interim Director of Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation was present. She expressed concerns about the Purchasing Policy and Procurement Operations Manual and asked that if the Board requires an RFP for the Solar Panel Project, they allow ECPSF to go through the RFP process before all the donations are secured in order to ensure they are fundraising for the correct amount.

2. Policy 185 – Board and District Committees

- Commissioner Klinkhammer presented her new draft of the policy and discussed the changes she drafted.
- It was discussed if LEAP should fall under the Executive Director of Administration (current) or Executive Director of Teaching and Learning.
 - After discussion, it was agreed that the updated policy will indicate that LEAP is under the supervision of the Executive Director of Teaching and Learning.
- Commissioner Klinkhammer said she added language that for Advisory Committees and Other Committees, School Board members may audit the meetings but cannot give directives on behalf of the School Board.
- A few other language modifications were discussed and noted by Commissioner Klinkhammer in her draft.
- There was discussion of where Family Advisory Council should fall and a discussion of their charge.
 - Dr. Hardebeck and Mr. Schmitt will work on some language that ties FAC to ESSA and have FAC added to the policy under the Advisory Committees beneath Demo and Trends.

3. Policy 331 – Charter School Guidelines

- Commissioner Klinkhammer said the policy was acceptable but needed some tweaks to reflect that charter schools are not “better” than other schools and are not the only place that innovation takes place.
 - Dr. Torres made suggestions to say “may be” instead of “is” in places.
- Dr. Hardebeck shared that the DPI called her last week indicating INDE had applied for a grant for the LAND School. The DPI was questioning the School Board’s approval and involvement as the application was unclear.
 - Discussion occurred about ensuring that the School Board must give approval and securing a grant does not automatically secure School Board approval.
- Discussion that any work on behalf of the District should come at the direction of the Board.
- Discussion of a mechanism to allow non-District persons to bring forward Charter School ideas.
- Discussion of ensuring that support or non-support for a proposed school doesn’t become political.
- Recommendation to have a Rule or a split process within Policy 331 to allow both District and non-District personnel to propose a charter school.

- Discussion that internal proposals are usually supported by data and research the Board can trust whereas external proposals may include unverified data or put the burden on the Board to research.
 - Discussion that external proposals may need to go through a more rigorous process and the proposers are responsible for providing detailed, verified supporting data as District personnel are stretched already.
 - Suggestion that the policy branch into two process, internal and external, and all proposals must meet two criteria: 1.) does it fit (capacity) and serve a need, and 2.) is there data-proven evidence that it will work.
 - Dr. Hardebeck and Mr. Schmitt will research how other districts handle outside proposals for next time.
4. **Policy 370 – Extra-Curricular Activities and Programs**
- Mr. Schmitt compared the WASB recommended policy with the Board’s current policy. There were a few items he felt would be beneficial to add to our policy:
 - Limiting interruptions by extra-curriculars during the school day
 - Not permitting students to participate in extra-curriculars outside of their grade/level
 - Removing Safety Patrol
 - Mr. Schmitt will draft changes to propose to the current ECASD policy for the next meeting.

Dr. Hardebeck said the Eau Claire City Manager and Police Chief have reached out regarding possible future political campaign stops in Eau Claire. The concern is regarding security and costs. A campaign rally last year cost the City of Eau Claire a great deal of money in overtime to officers. It was discussed that if ECASD allows some political events on ECASD property, we must allow all. Therefore, the two options to consider for addressing this concern are:

1. Not allow any political campaign stops/rallies on District property
2. Charge a security fee that must be paid in full before the event so the District can hire a security company or pay the City of Eau Claire for overtime costs of police officers

Dr. Hardebeck said she’ll be seeking advice on this issue and the item will be brought for to the next meeting as it may require revisions to District policy.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20am.