

Meeting: Policy & Governance Committee

Date: December 2, 2019

Time: 8:00am

Location: Administration Building, Room 137

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurie Klinkhammer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Torres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charles Vue
--	---	---

Guests: Mary Ann Hardebeck, Abby Johnson, Kim Koller, Jim Schmitt

Notes: Meta Miske

Meeting called to order at 8:02am.

1. Public Comment

- Sue Bornick, Interim Director of Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation was present. She shared information about her work with a donor who wished to give an annual gift and has now agreed to establish a \$25,000 endowment. She spoke about the MOU and how it could help with large donations. She asked the Board to make a decision on the solar panel project at their December 16, 2019 meeting.
- Jim McDougall, Vice Chair of ECPSF Board of Trustees said Policy & Governance has learned more about ECPSF over the last few months. The ECPSF Board of Trustees would like to have the MOU approved. He asked for an update on the feedback awaited by the District's attorney and when their Board can expect more information.
 - Commissioner Klinkhammer asked if the District can answer the question. Dr. Hardebeck said the District has been working with an attorney through a policy review and review of the MOU draft. Additionally, committee members have submitted questions for the attorney. He is completing research on these questions. President Torres said ECPSF will hear from ECASD very soon.

2. Policy 185 – Board and District Committees

- Commissioner Klinkhammer reviewed her language updates.
- Discussion occurred about why LEAP requires specifically the McKinley and Montessori principals. Torres said in the original conception of LEAP he understood the including of the Charter School Principals. Should it be just any two principals?
 - Agreement to update language to “two principals” so other principals may participate.
- Discussion about where Eau Claire Virtual School and Joint Committee on Shared Services fall in this document.
 - Eau Claire Virtual School is an “other committee”
 - Joint Committee on Shared Services is a Board committee
- Discussion about LEAP versus Charter schools. Discussion about innovation not going through LEAP, such as Acres for Joy.
- Discussion that the only zone to come through LEAP that still exists is Arctic Zone and if LEAP is an even avenue that is still needed.
- Agreement to send updates to Board on December 16, 2019.

3. Policy 331 – Charter School Guidelines

- Commissioner Klinkhammer reviewed the updates to the charter school policy.
- Discussion that this is consistent as McKinley and Montessori both present to the full Board.
- Discussion and agreement to add language indicating all proposals must be fully formed and coherent before Board review.

- Discussion that District staff should not be asked to research and help with proposals.
 - Item #8 added to the policy. Agreement to move the policy forward to Board on December 16, 2019.
- 4. Policy 370 – Extra-Curricular Activities and Programs**
- A draft was provided to review. The draft is a sample policy from WASB but additions from the District were included in yellow, which included updates to reduce barriers.
 - Discussion about sports that cut, how to encourage more sports that don't cut, surveying students to find out what they want to participate in.
 - Discussion about infringement on the school day. Teaching & Learning must begin collecting data to show the impact sports have on the school day. Item #5 in the policy will provide the District some leverage when other districts schedule events that require students to miss school.
 - Motion by Charles Vue, second by Laurie Klinkhammer, to send revised policy to School Board for review on December 16, 2019. Motion passed by unanimous voice of approval.
- 5. Policy 830 – Use of School Facilities**
- Dr. Hardebeck shared that the Eau Claire Chief of Police and City Manager approached the District about candidate visits for upcoming presidential elections and security concerns related to those events and other large events that might require security.
 - Ms. Koller shared information about the request from the City of Eau Claire to help ensure their security costs are covered. Ms. Koller and Ms. Johnson did some research and provided P&G with a draft of suggested revisions to Policy 830 and/or 830-Exhibit(2) which would require anyone renting an ECASD facility for a political campaign event to provide certification from the ECPD that security costs are paid for.
 - Discussion ensued about if the income the District receives from these events compared to the possible bad publicity. Discussion about schools being a community space and if political campaign events are not permitted in school facilities, then where?
 - Discussion about District costs. Ms. Koller confirmed that custodial costs, and other factors are included (such as water and toilet paper usage) and calculated into the rental fees.
 - Discussion that there are several communities who were required by the Secret Service to provide security in 2016 and have yet to be paid by those campaigns for the costs which include police overtime costs.
 - Discussion to include language in policy and exhibit for consistency.
 - Discussion to update the first sentence of the addition to indicate “request the use of” so it's not implied the facility rental is guaranteed.
 - Motion by Laurie Klinkhammer, second by Charles Vue to approve the revisions with additional language discussed. Motion passed by unanimous voice of approval. Will go to Board on December 16, 2019.

Discussion occurred about the urgency related to the MOU with the ECPSF. Committee members asked questions about the amount of money raised versus the amount of money granted back to the ECASD and what is typical for other school foundations. Committee members asked questions about scholarship funds benefiting graduates and therefore the community, but not necessarily the District. There was discussion about processing donations. District staff manage these day-to-day tasks as a matter of standard operating procedure on a regular schedule as part of the Accounting Department's work. Committee members questioned whether donors feel connected to the District when they interact solely with a third party. The committee agreed that the Board will need to see a full picture of contributions made to the District as part of their review of the MOU.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35am.