

**POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE
GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2022**

The Policy Review Committee met on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at the Mark Sanford Education Center with Cynthia Shabb serving as the meeting chair.

Committee Members Present: Chris Douthit, Eric Lunn, Cynthia Shabb, Dr. Terry Brenner, and Scott J. Berge.

Committee Members Absent: GFASB School Board Liaison.

Others Present: Catherine Gillach, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Education; Dr. Brenda Lewis, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Douthit and seconded by Lunn to approve the minutes of December 1, 2021, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Review Various Policies for Possible Addition, Modification, and/or Rescindment. Definitions of the North Dakota School Boards Association's (NDSBA) policy and board regulation classifications were provided along with procedural notes regarding administrative regulations and exhibits. The meeting continued with a review of various templates as indicated below, all of which were pre-reviewed by the Executive Cabinet.

South Middle School Teacher Christopher Loff appeared before the committee and shared his concerns about the transgender and gender nonconforming students policy and implementation of its complementing administrative regulation FDI-AR. He provided suggestions for amendments to the regulation.

GACE-AR, GED Credit for High School Graduation and Curriculum Requirements Regulations. This complementing administrative regulation was provided for information only. Gillach explained the regulation sets forth the criteria to make GED assessment credit allowance decisions as per GACE, GED Credit for High School Graduation and Curriculum Requirements.

FCC, Restraint and Seclusion. The first reading as amended of this policy was completed on December 13, 2021, however, due to input received after the

first reading from the restraint and seclusion committee, it was pulled from consideration of its second reading and adoption at the January 10, 2022, board meeting so that it could be further reviewed. Substantive changes have been made.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Douthit to approve FCC, Restraint or Seclusion Policy, as amended and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

DEBH, Employee Use of Social Media. The first reading of this supplemental policy was completed on November 8, 2021, however, due to input received after the first reading from Tracy Jentz, Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator, the policy was pulled from consideration of its second reading and adoption at the November 22, 2021, board meeting so that it could be further reviewed. Substantive changes have been made.

It was moved by Douthit and seconded by Lunn to approve DEBH, Employee Use of Social Media, as amended and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

DEBH-BR, District Social Media Accounts. This existing board regulation has been amended based upon information received from Tracy Jentz.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Douthit to approve DEBH-BR, District Social Media Accounts, as amended and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its

appropriate reading and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

ACBF, Medical Marijuana. Following discussion/action taken at the December 1, 2021, Policy Review Committee meeting, the prohibitions (policy statement) have been moved to the top of the policy.

It was moved by Douthit and seconded by Lunn to approve ACBF, Medical Marijuana, as written and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

FDA, Education of Home-Schooled Students. This recommended policy will replace 6112, Home Education Instruction.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Douthit to approve FDA, Education of Home-Schooled Students, as written and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate reading and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

FACA, Placement & Adjustment of Transfer Students. It was moved by Douthit and seconded by Lunn to approve FACA, Placement & Adjustment of Transfer Students, as written and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

FACB, Student Transfer & Withdrawal Records. This template is recommended to be rejected. It was moved by Douthit and seconded by Lunn to reject the template; however, due to questions about the reasons for rejection, the motion and second were withdrawn and the template was referred back to the Executive Committee.

FC, Student Safety & Supervision. This recommended template was recommended to be rejected. In its place, District Administration will develop something for placement in the administrative manual and/or student handbooks.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Douthit to reject FC, Student Safety & Supervision. Motion carried unanimously.

FC-E, Missing Student Reporting Form. This exhibit was provided for information only. With the rejection of its parent policy FC, FC-E is also rejected.

FFA-AR, Alcohol & Other Drug Intervention Procedure. This complementing administrative regulation was provided for information only.

GAAA, Curriculum Design & Evaluation. This recommended template has been reviewed by Amy Bartsch, Chief Academic Officer. A minor language change in the second paragraph of the section entitled Evaluation was made by the committee. The words "at least" were changed to "any of".

It was moved by Douthit and seconded by Lunn to approve GAAA, Curriculum Design & Evaluation, as amended and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

GAAD, Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials. This recommended template has been reviewed by Amy Bartsch. The committee amended the template by deleting the sentences "The Superintendent shall bring all instructional material recommendations to the Board for final approval" and "Instructional materials include all print and non-print materials used for the education of the student in the teaching-learning process, including library material" in the opening paragraphs of the template. The words "at least" were also deleted in the first sentence of the section entitled Selection Process.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Douthit to approve GAAD, Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials, as amended and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

FACB, Student Transfer & Withdrawal Records. This template is recommended to be rejected. It was moved by Douthit and seconded by Lunn to reject the template; however, due to questions about the reasons for rejection, the motion and second were withdrawn and the template was referred back to the Executive Committee.

GBA, Academic Freedom. Due to questions about the subjective nature of what may or may not be considered controversial by some and not others, this recommended template was referred back to the Executive Committee.

IAB, Buildings and Grounds Security Plan. It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Douthit to approve IAB, Buildings and Grounds Security Plan, as written and forward it to the school board with a unanimous

recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

JBA, Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities. This template will replace 7110, Evaluating Existing Buildings.

It was moved by Douthit and seconded by Lunn to approve JBA, Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities, as written and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

4144, Workers' Compensation Policy for Employees; 6144, Controversial Issues – Appropriateness of Issues – Bible Reading – Meditation – Prayer et al; and 6162, Materials Selection and Review Policy. It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Douthit to rescind 4144, Worker's Compensation Policy for Employees; rescind 6144, Controversial Issues – Appropriateness of Issues – Bible Reading – Meditation – Prayer et al pending the adoption of GBA; and rescind 6162, Materials Selection and Review Policy pending the adoption of GAAD. Motion carried unanimously.

FGCA, Searches of Lockers. This is a recommended policy that is brought forward at the suggestion of District Counsel Laura Cobb concerning a communication that Gillach was working on.

It was moved by Douthit and seconded by Lunn to approve FGCA, Searches of Lockers, as written and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

FGCB, Searches of Students & Student's Personal Possessions. This is a recommended policy that is brought forward at the suggestion of District Counsel Laura Cobb concerning a communication that Gillach was working on.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Douthit to approve FGCB, Searches of Students & Student's Personal Possessions, as written and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

ACAA-AR, Telework Procedure. This existing administrative regulation was recently updated by the NDSBA. It is provided for information only.

FFK, Suspension and Expulsion, and FFK-BR, Suspension and Expulsion Regulations. This existing policy and board regulation were recently updated by the NDSBA.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Douthit to approve FFK, Suspension and Expulsion, and FFK-BR, Suspension and Expulsion Regulations, both as amended and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate reading(s) and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

FFK-AR1, Suggested Procedure for Conducting an Expulsion Hearing, and FFK-AR2, Suspension and Expulsion of Special Education Students. These existing administrative regulations were recently updated by the NDSBA. They were provided for information only.

FGA, Student Education Records and Privacy. This existing policy was recently updated by the NDSBA.

It was moved by Douthit and seconded by Lunn to approve FGA, Student Education Records and Privacy, as amended and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

FGA-BR1, Student Education Records Access & Amendment Procedure, and FGA-BR2, Criteria for Approving and Denying Directory Information and PII Release Requests. Of these complementing board regulations, FGA-BR1 is required.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Douthit to approve FGA-BR1, Student Education Records Access & Amendment Procedure, and FGA-BR2, Criteria for Approving and Denying Directory Information and PII Release Requests, as written and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

FGDE, Student Distribution & Posting of Non-Curricular Material in School. It was moved by Douthit and seconded by Lunn to approve FGDE, Student Distribution & Posting of Non-Curricular Material in School, as written and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

ABAC, Virtual Learning Because of Weather or Other Conditions. This existing policy was recently updated

by the NDSBA to reflect the final administrative rules definition.

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It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Douthit to approve ABAC, Virtual Learning Because of Weather or Other Conditions, as amended and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

Cynthia Shabb, Meeting Chair

KACA, Patron Complaints. This existing policy was recently updated by the NDSBA.

It was moved by Douthit and seconded by Lunn to approve KACA, Patron Complaints, as amended and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

BCBA, Public Participation at Board Meetings. The first reading of this policy as amended was completed on November 8, 2021. It was pulled from consideration of its second reading and adoption at the November 22 meeting and referred back to the committee due to questions from board members. Minor changes were made.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Douthit to approve BCBA, Public Participation at Board Meetings, as amended and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

BCAA, Board Meeting Agenda & Pre-Meeting Preparation. This existing policy is amended to remove the public comments descriptor “non-agenda items”. The amendment would result in all public comments, regardless of whether they are about an agenda or non-agenda item, being made during the public comments portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Douthit to approve BCAA, Board Meeting Agenda & Pre-Meeting Preparation, as amended and forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation to complete its appropriate readings and adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Suggested Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.