

**RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
30 Phipps Avenue
Rice Lake, WI 54868**

Policy and Legislative Advocacy Committee Minutes

**Thursday, January 11, 2024
4:30 PM
Conference Room at Administration Office**

MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present – Committee Members: Don Cuskey, Phil Henkel, Keven Jensen, Dianne Koser (by phone)
Absent- NA
District Staff –Randy Drost, District Administrator
Others: NA
- III. **STATEMENT OF NOTICE:** Randy Drost announced that notice of the meeting was communicated by public notice as required by 19.84 of WI statutes.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, November 21, 2023 [action]:** Phil Henkel and Don Cuskey motioned to approve the meeting minutes from Tuesday, November 21, 2023. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- V. **LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY UPDATE:** The committee discussed the following items:
- Phil Henkel gave an update
 - Bills going before the Senate/Assembly
- VI. **REVIEW THE FOLLOWING:** The committee reviewed the following policies:

Policy	Title
Policy #187	Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings (revise): The committee reviewed the revised policy. The committee recommended the policy be brought back to the next committee meeting for further discussion and review.
Policy #320	General Organizational Plan (revise): The committee reviewed the revised policy. The committee recommended the revised policy go to the full Board as a first reading.
Policy #321	School Calendar (revise): The committee reviewed the revised policy. The committee recommended the revised policy go to the full Board as a first reading.
Policy #322	School Day (review): The committee reviewed the current policy. There were no recommended revisions. The committee

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	recommended the current policy go to the full Board as a first reading.
Policy #323	<p>School Ceremonies and Observances (revise): The committee reviewed the revised policy. The first sentence in the policy will be deleted. The section titled, "Holidays and Special Events" will be revised to read, "<i>Customary holidays and special events, songs and customs, may be recognized in district schools, consistent with law, composite American cultures and community values.</i>"</p> <p>The committee recommended the revised policy go to the full Board as a first reading.</p>
Policy #323.1	<p>Special Observance Days (revise): The committee reviewed the revised policy. The first sentence of the policy will be revised to read, "<i>Observance of events which may be designated in state law, are intended to promote a common appreciation of special days and personalities because they have contributed significantly to our nation; therefore, they are valued in our curriculum to promote citizenship by creating an understanding of these contributions.</i>"</p> <p>The committee recommended the revised policy go to the full Board as a first reading.</p>
Rule #323.1	<p>Special Observance Days (recommend delete): The committee reviewed the rule being recommended for deletion. The committee recommended the current rule go to the full board as a first reading for possible deletion.</p>
Policy #323.2	<p>Pledge of Allegiance (review): The committee reviewed the current policy. The first sentence will be revised to read, "<i>Students in grades 4K to twelve shall be offered the Pledge of Allegiance or the national anthem each school day.</i>" The committee recommended the revised policy go to the full Board as a first reading.</p>
Policy #344.41	<p>Promotion and Retention of Students in Grades 1-12 (review): The committee reviewed the current policy. The committee recommended the policy be brought back to the next committee meeting for further discussion and review.</p>
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Exhibit (1) #344.41	<p>Promotion and Retention of Students in Grades 1-8 (review): The committee reviewed the current Exhibit (1). The committee</p>

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	recommended the Exhibit(1) be brought back to the next committee meeting for further discussion and review.
Sample Policy #387	Displays and Postings in Student Environments (for consideration): The committee reviewed the draft policy for consideration. The committee recommended the sample policy be brought back to the next committee meeting for further discussion and review.
Policy #430	Student Attendance (revise): The committee reviewed the revised policy. The committee recommended the revised policy be brought back to the next committee meeting for further discussion and review.
Rule #430	Student Attendance Procedures (review): The committee reviewed the current rule. The committee recommended the current rule be brought back to the next committee meeting for further discussion and review.
Policy #723.4	Emergency School Closings (revise): The committee reviewed the revised policy. The title of the policy will be revised to read, <i>"Inclement Weather Emergency School Closings"</i> . The committee recommended the revised policy go to the full Board as a first reading.
Rule #723.4	Inclement Weather Procedures (recommend delete): The committee reviewed the current rule considered for deletion. The committee recommended the current rule go to the full Board as a first reading for possible deletion.

VII. **OTHER: NA**

VIII. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administration Office.**

- **Upcoming Policies for review:** Policies that are up for review at the next committee meeting include the following:
 - Policy #187, Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings
 - Policy #344.41, Promotion and Retention of Students in Grades 1-12
 - Rule #344.41, Promotion and Retention of Students in Grades 1-12
 - Exhibit (1) #344.41, Promotion and Retention of Students in Grades 1-8
 - Policy #387, Displays and Postings in Student Environments
 - Policy #430, Student Attendance
 - Rule #430, Student Attendance Procedures
 - Policy #663, Bonded Employees and Officers
 - Policy #830, Use of School Facilities Regulations
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 - Policy #851, Advertising and Promotions
 - Rule #851, Advertising Guidelines

IX. **ADJOURN:** A motion to adjourn was made at 6:19 p.m. by Phil Henkel and seconded by Don Cuskey.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Randy Drost.