

PRESS Issue 122 Policy Updates

Per Policy 2:240-E1, a policy may be adopted after a single reading when it is appropriate for the consent agenda- meaning the change involves legal compliance, updated legal references, correction of grammar/spelling/punctuation, or clarification of pre-existing language, and requires no Board discussion.

One-Reading / Consent Agenda Candidates

Policy text is unchanged or only minor/technical — footnotes, legal references, or style corrections only.

Policy #	Title Current Policy Linked Below	Nature of Change Redline for Policy Linked Below
3:70	Succession of Authority	Policy unchanged; footnotes updated (5-yr review)
4:175	Convicted Child Sex Offender: Screening; Notifications	Policy unchanged; footnotes updated (5-yr review)
5:70	Religious Holidays	Policy unchanged; legal refs/footnotes updated
5:110	Recognition for Service	Policy unchanged; footnote updated
5:140	Solicitations By or From Staff	Policy unchanged; footnote updated
7:80	Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance	Policy unchanged; footnotes updated
8:10	Connection with the Community	Footnote update only
5:40	Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease	Legal refs/footnotes updated; no substantive text change identified in draft
8:70	Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities	Legal refs/footnotes updated (5-yr review); no substantive text change identified in draft
7:30	Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer	Minor style updates.

Two-Reading Recommended

Substantive policy change, new legal precedent, or content likely to draw staff/parent/community interest.

Policy #	Title	Why It Warrants Discussion
6:70	Teaching About Religions	Rewritten in light of <i>Mahmoud v. Taylor</i> (2025) - new parental opt-out standard for religious objections to curriculum
6:80	Teaching About Controversial Issues	Same <i>Mahmoud</i> basis, plus unsettled 7th Circuit guidance (<i>Kluge</i>) on staff religious accommodations
7:130	Student Rights and Responsibilities	New Equal Access Act and <i>Kennedy v. Bremerton</i> legal references- touches student/staff prayer on campus
5:240	Suspension	Broadens suspension-without-pay language from "teacher" to "professional employee".
7:180	Bullying Policy (outside PRESS Issue 122)	Required ISBE update due September 30- recommend full two-reading given the compliance deadline, public interest, and value of staff/parent/community input • Examining our handbook language, process, and the administrative procedures related to this policy.