

October 22, 2026 Policy Committee
Committee Report
Mansfield ISD Board of Trustees

Report Synopsis

This report provides a synopsis of the Policy Committee as we engage in discussions related to curricula support, evaluation, and sustainability. According to the TASA Curriculum Audit, the Board did not have policies that aligned the curricula. In addition, the Policy Committee continues to discuss guidelines that aid the Board in presenting information for transparency and for the processes essential for Board governance.

Item 1: Policy Alignment with Mansfield ISD Curricula

TASA completed a curriculum audit for Mansfield ISD in 2024. Dr. Spencer provided a high-level overview of the recommended starting point based on BP (Legal) and (Local) for the Policy Committee to peruse in preparation for policy development for Phase 1: Focal Area 2--Curriculum. The Policy Committee is asked to answer the Board-Level questions (on the overview) to achieve the two (2) priorities and outcome for Phase 1. (See below.)

Item 2: Policy Alignment of MISD Vision and Values, reflecting Board Member Ethics

After scrutiny of various practices, board members discussed a number of measures to protect Board members, the District, and the community. Areas related to Board members' public information, communication procedures, and incurred legal fees have been topics of continued discussion.

Recommended Actions

- Board members are asked to accomplish two (2) priorities:
 - Establish a formal curriculum review cycle, and
 - Establish a process for identifying instructional priorities
 - Outcome of Phase 1 Priorities: Develop policies that align with curriculum (following the guidance and leadership of Mr. Wright, Mr. Benavides, and Dr. Patton)
- Board members are asked to forward recommendations for Board member ethics that align with MISD's Vision and Values
 - Establish a process that ensures transparency and credibility and avoids incurring legal expenditures
 - Outcomes of Policies: Provide guardrails to build trust and accountability, which should eliminate public scrutiny of available information and decrease legal fees