

WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
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TO: Dr. Patrick Broncato

FROM: Dr. William Schmidt

SUBJECT: DECEMBER 16, 2024 BOARD AGENDA – DISCUSSION OF BOARD POLICIES

On December 2, 2024, the Policy Committee met to review multiple sections of the Board Policies. In addition, they also reviewed other individual policies that we annually review as a committee. Attached for discussion during the December 16, 2024 Board meeting, you will find the summary sheet listing the policies reviewed, as well as policies that are recommended for amendment, adoption, or deletion. All recommended changes are either stricken and/ or underlined. As a courtesy to the Board, policies recommended for modification by the Policy Committee are explained below and highlighted in the summary sheet.

The following were the recommended changes from the Policy Committee:

An Administrative Regulation title and minor grammatical changes were made in the following policies based on committee input:

- 3520R2 *Medical Emergency Plan with AED*
- 3520R4 *Accident-Illness Procedures*
- 4230 *Maintaining Student Discipline*
- 4450 *Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity*
- 5010R1 (Title change) *Accommodating Students Who Are Breastfeeding*
- 5130 *Health, Dental, and Eye Examinations; Immunizations and Exclusions of Students*
- 5370R1 *Short-Term Suspension Form*
- 5370R2 *Long-Term Suspension Form*
- 6315 *Accelerated Placement Program*

Board Policy 3800 Facility Management and Building Programs

We updated language explaining the standards we are required to follow as a District when managing our buildings and grounds, Further, we deleted information on the handling of hazardous materials and requirements under the Pest Control Act and Lawn Care Products Application and Notice Act because this content is covered in Board policies #3520 *Safety* and #3810 *Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds*. Language was also added to reflect a School Code requirement (already a District practice) for administration to present enrollment trends and facility usage to the Board annually.

Most of our discussion on this policy revolved around adding a section on naming or renaming our buildings and facilities. This specific content was originally in a separate policy (#3820). The decision to combine policies by deleting Policy #3820 and adding the information as a section under Policy #3800 was a suggestion by PRESS. This move makes it easier to maintain and keep

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the content current. Review of both these policies allowed us to also update the actual language under the *Naming Buildings and Facilities* Section. Our discussion focused on whether or not the process 'will' or 'may' have the Board President appoint a committee to make a recommendation to the Board for a final decision. The original draft language, read "When a facility is to be named or renamed, the Board President will appoint a special committee to consider nominations and make a recommendation, along with supporting rationale, to the Board."

Ultimately, it was decided that the Board is better positioned if the process requires a special committee recommendation, especially in situations where the proposed naming or change is controversial. The Board maintains authority on the front end to vote on whether or not to even consider a naming or renaming of a building, and then final authority to approve the special committee's recommendation. The language the Committee agreed on and recommends, reads "If the Board votes to consider a naming or renaming a building, the Board President will appoint a special committee to consider nominations and make a recommendation, along with supporting rationale, to the Board."

These recommendations, in addition to the others that the Committee reviewed, are attached for Board discussion, and will be brought before the Board as an Action Item for approval in January. Please let me know if you have any questions concerning these recommendations.