

## **Newsletter** August 2, 2023

## **Model Policy Updates**

The wide range of new Minnesota laws and the ongoing clarifications that state agencies, including the Minnesota Department of Education, will continue to provide, MSBA is committed to providing ongoing updates to model policies.

Unless otherwise noted, the updates provide clarification and correction. These would not require board action unless a local board prefers to take action. If action is necessary, a single board meeting would be sufficient.

MSBA will post time-dated updates as they occur: please visit the MSBA website under **Services----Policy Services----Policy Services Newsletter**.

Updates as of August 2, 2023:

1. Policy 406 – Public and Private Personnel Data—MSBA added provisions regarding labor organizations' access to personnel data (Article V. F).

2. Policy 427 – Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers—MSBA removed the word 'number' from the introductory note to align with newly-enacted Minnesota law. In conjunction with this change, MSBA added other examples of inherent managerial authority stated in Minnesota law.

3. Policy 620 – Credit for Learning –A judge ruled against the newly-enacted law barring postsecondary institutions from requiring a faith statement for PSEO students. MSBA has removed this new language from the policy (Article III).

## Instructions to access the Policy Manual online

- 1. Please visit <u>www.mnmsba.org</u>.
- 2. Go to the Resources tab and select Policies
- 3. Log into the Members area (access is limited to Policy Services subscribers)
- 4. Click on a desired policy
- 5. A clean version (e.g., Policy 418) and a redlined version (e.g., Policy 418 Redline) can be

found at the bottom of the policy page, below the Legal References and Cross References.

**NOTE**: If you experience trouble viewing the redlined version, please go to the Review tab on Microsoft Word and ensure that "All Markup" is clicked in the Tracking section. If the "Simple Markup" box is checked, one cannot see the redlined changes.

**Redlines:** To clean up the policy library, we removed redlines that are more than ten years old to reduce possible confusion. The removed redlines are available upon request.

The current and recent Policy Services Newsletters can be found on the MSBA website under Services— >Policy Services,

If you have questions about Policy Services, how to navigate the online Policy Reference Manual, or the content of the model policies, please contact Terry Morrow at (507) 934-8126 or (800) 324-4459 or by email at <u>tmorrow@mnmsba.org</u>

Jaymyson Sillman (<u>isillman@mnmsba.org</u>) can assist if technological issues arise related to accessing the model policies or the revisions.

