

GRESHAM-BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 JT.

Board Policy Review Committee Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2025

The Gresham-Barlow Policy Review Committee held a meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2025, in the Business Office East Conference Room of the Gresham-Barlow School District, 1331 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, Oregon. The meeting was convened at 8:05 a.m. The opportunity for virtual attendance via Zoom was provided for this meeting.

Policy Review Committee members in attendance were Board of Directors members Kris Howatt and Dr. Shawn Farrens. District administration in attendance included Deputy Superintendent John Koch and Assistant Superintendent Sara Deboy. Other district staff in attendance included Sarah Avery and Cindy Lopez-Flores.

The following policies were on the agenda to be reviewed at the meeting:

Policy	Title
JOA	Directory Information
IIA	Instructional Materials (<i>previously proposed and newly proposed</i>)
BBCF	Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child
BCF	Advisory Committees to the Board
BHD	Board Member Stipends and Reimbursements
JGA	Corporal Punishment
FF	Naming of New Facilities

Director Farrens called the meeting to order and introduced the policies they will review.

Policy JOA – Directory Information

The committee reviewed this policy at their previous meeting, and asked for additional information. They had concerns that the proposed changes would affect the ability to include student athlete grade level information in programs, public celebrations, and recognitions. The response from OSBA was that while there is some concern, ODE has given guidance that this is not the case, and since ODE is the regulatory body the district can continue as is with the policy. Mr. Koch added that any parent can opt out on an annual basis.

The committee discussed how the OSBA response to their questions noted that part of this change is in response to immigration enforcement. Committee members expressed concern that they are changing policy for something that is happening for a relatively short period of time. They will

discuss this with the board as a whole, and opted to move this policy forward to the next board work session.

Policy IIA – Instructional Materials (*previously proposed and newly proposed*)

The committee reviewed this policy at their previous meeting but found it difficult to follow because they were reviewing the newly proposed policy from OSBA along with their approved policy that was never posted by OSBA. After the last meeting the formatting was fixed to make comparing the policy easier. The committee discussed the difference in a classroom library compared to a school library noting that they are not considered the same. Dr. Deboy shared information on the definition of school board bans that was included in a new bill passed this year. Parents can look at a collection of books to help them feel more comfortable. While tough to monitor, there is also an option where they can have a list of books that a student can't check out.

The committee reviewed the various brackets throughout the policy. They decided to keep the brackets and all changes listed on page 1. On page 2, they accepted the brackets in the middle of the page, but struck the brackets regarding a 7-year cycle. They will keep the rest of the brackets on page and all of the brackets on page 3. This policy will move forward to the next board work session.

Policy BBCF – Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child

The committee noted that the changes to this policy seemed straightforward. There was brief discussion around the mode used to make a report, but Mr. Koch clarified that the only way to make a report is by telephone. Having no other concerns, this policy will move forward to the next board work session.

Policy BCF – Advisory Committees to the Board

The committee discussed how annual reports from the educational equity committee would be made to the board. They would like there to be a report, but want to remember that it is a report through the superintendent rather than a board committee. They noted that some of the language earlier in the policy contradicted language under the Educational Equity Advisory Committee section, specifically around who appoints members to the committee. Mr. Koch will reach out to OSBA for clarification and this policy will come back to the committee at a future policy committee meeting.

Policy BHD – Board Member Stipends and Reimbursements

Mr. Koch recommended that the committee keep the brackets in the first paragraph. Committee members discussed the brackets for “monthly,” noting that if this is standard practice it should be left in. They accepted the brackets in the first paragraph as well as the strikethroughs in the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs. They struck out the bracket for “chair” in the 2nd paragraph leaving it saying board instead of board chair. They will move this policy forward to the next board work session.

Policy JGA – Corporal Punishment

There was extensive discussion around whether or not to include the bracketed language for a parent or legal guardian of a minor child using reasonable physical force to maintain discipline or promote welfare of the minor child. Conversation focused around how it may become a reporting issue because someone could view it as abuse. Examples were shared of coaches pushing athletes past physical exertion or shaming a student. They also talked about moving the bracketed paragraph to the bottom of the policy. The committee decided to move the paragraph to the end, and move this policy forward to the next board work session.

Policy FF – Naming of New Facilities

Committee members shared that their biggest concerns with this policy are that it has not been consistently followed. They referenced spaces that have been named by schools without following a process or having board approval. They also noted that previous spaces that were named with board approval lost that name when the schools were remodeled or rebuilt. The committee liked that there is a time limit for names spaces, and discussed how they would need to be reviewed every 5 years. There was conversation around who would track this list for review to make sure it stays up to date. The committee likes the draft language that Dr. Klinger suggested and will move this policy forward to the next board work session.

The committee discussed scheduling for their next meeting. They will check with Director Riegelmann on availability, and tentatively scheduled the next meeting for December 12, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Submitted by: Sarah Avery