

Minutes of SEAB Hearing

The Board of Education Jenison Public Schools

A Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) Hearing meeting of the Board of Education of Jenison Public Schools was held Monday, May 12, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm in the Jenison Center for the Arts Boardroom.

Call to Order:

President of the Board of Education, Dr. Hartman, called the Jenison Public Schools Board of Education Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) Hearing to order at 6:00 pm.

Members Present:

Eric Hartman, D.C.,
President

William Waalkes,
Vice President

Chris Reed, Ph.D.,
Treasurer

Jen Postema,
Secretary

Jennifer Griffin, DPM
Trustee

Shannon Hogan,
Trustee

Members Absent:

Donna Mooney
Trustee

Others Present:

Brandon Graham, PhD,
Superintendent

Christine Marcy,
Director of Finance and
Operations

Alana Kooi,
Co-Director of Teaching and
Learning

Madeline Lambert,
Jr. High Health/PE
Teacher

SEAB Hearing:

A public hearing about the Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) is required by law. The policy is published in the Board of Education Policies.

Introductions:

Dr. Graham introduced the Co-Chairs of the SEAB Committee. Alana Kooi, Co-Director of Teaching and Learning, and Madeline (Maddie) Lambert, Jr. High Health/PE Teacher.

Legal Authority for the Public Hearing:

Before adopting any revisions in the materials or methods used in instruction under this section, including, but not limited to, revisions to provide for the teaching of abstinence from sex as a method of preventing unplanned or out-of-wedlock pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease, the board of a school district shall hold at least 2 public hearings on the proposed revisions. The hearings shall be held at least one week apart, and public notice of the hearings shall be given in the manner required under Section 1201 for board meetings. A public hearing held pursuant to this Section may be held in conjunction with a public hearing held pursuant to Section 1169.

Purpose of the Public Hearing:

The purpose of these meetings is to report to the public the progress of the school district's sex education advisory board and to obtain input from the public regarding the proposed revision to the sex education curriculum and instruction for the district.

The Board of Education will review the recommendations and may offer feedback before voting on the curriculum at a future meeting.

Sex Education Advisory Board Recommendations:

Mrs. Kooi and Ms. Lambert shared that the SEAB Advisory Committee has been a great group to work with. The committee is comprised of individuals from various backgrounds, including parents, healthcare professionals, members of the clergy, staff, and other community members. The committee met to review the 7th Grade Reproductive Health Curriculum. They unanimously agreed with the proposed revisions and recommendations to the curriculum.

Ms. Lambert presented the revisions to the curriculum for the 7th Grade Reproductive Health Curriculum of the Directions Unit 3: "*Building Respectful Future Dating Relationships*" to the Board of Education. Many updates focused on using more familiar or common language to help ensure students better understand the material. Additionally, some terminology was revised to reflect accurate medical language (contributions from the medical professionals on the committee). Certain graphics were updated to feature more current and relevant visuals, and several slides were consolidated to simplify the content and give more clarity.

Feedback provided based on the updated recommendations:

- Dr. Reed noted the labeling of some of the female reproductive slides, ensuring the labeling was correct for the uterus and the uterine line.

The Board thanked the SEAB Advisory Committee for their thorough review and recommendations. They expressed that the revisions appeared both appropriate and timely, and will bring any additional feedback to the committee if necessary.

Public Comment:

No public comment was given.

Adjournment:

President of the Board of Education, Dr. Hartman, adjourned the Jenison Public Schools Board of Education SEAB Hearing at 6:21 pm with acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Postema, Secretary
Jenison Public Schools Board of Education