

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #656
District Policy Committee Meeting
August 5, 2025 - 3:45 pm
Faribault Public Schools
710 17th Street SW
Faribault, MN 55021

MINUTES

Members present: Jamie Bente, Casie Steeves, Natalie Fashant, Linda Moore, Nick Jurrens, and Wendy Susen. Absent: Tara Luettel and Nate Molitor. Others in attendance: Jami Kenney.

I. The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Bente at 3:45 p.m.

- A. Determination of a quorum
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Moved by Fashant, seconded by Jurrens, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

III. Review of Policies - None

IV. Revision of Policies

A. Moved by Susen, seconded by Jurrens, to approve sending revisions to Policy 413: Harassment and Violence to the school board. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: Updates definition of "disability" to reflect amended Minnesota law.
- This is a mandatory policy.

B. Moved by Susen, seconded by Fashant, to approve sending revisions to Policy 414: Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse to the school board. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: Threatened injury

C. Moved by Fashant, seconded by Jurrens, to approve sending revisions to Policy 418: Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School to the school board. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: Registry program participant protection
- This is a mandatory policy.

D. Moved by Jurrens, seconded by Bente, to approve sending revisions to Policy 425: Staff Development to the school board. Moved by Moore, seconded by Fashant, to

amend the policy to unstrike the word “board” and add the word “and” in between [school **board and** administration] in four places in the policy. Moved by Jerrens, seconded by Suden, to table Policy 425 until September 2, 2025. The motion to table the policy passed unanimously, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: Clarifies whether the board or the school administration appoints staff development committee members and removes the 2024-25 paragraph
- Ask MSBA to explain why “board” was replaced by “administration” before bringing the policy back to the committee.

E. Moved by Susen, seconded by Fashant, to approve sending revisions to Policy 501: School Weapons Policy to the school board. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: Active shooter incidents
- This is a mandatory policy

F. Moved by Fashant, seconded by Jurrens, to approve sending revisions to Policy 503: Student Attendance to the school board. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: Excused absence process updated

G. Moved by Susen, seconded by Fashant, to approve sending revisions to Policy 512: School-Sponsored Student Publications and Activities to the school board. Moved by Steeves, seconded by Jurrens, to table Policy 512 until September 2, 2025. The motion to table passed unanimously, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: Removes language potentially at odds with Minnesota Statutes 121A.80 (Student Journalism; Student Expression)
- Seek legal input about this policy before bringing it back to the committee.

H. Moved by Susen, seconded by Bente, to approve sending revisions to Policy 515: Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records to the school board. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: Parent contact information; student health and census data
- This is a mandatory policy.

I. Moved by Fashant, seconded by Jurrens, to approve sending revisions to Policy 516: Student Medication and Telehealth to the school board. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: Replace "auto-injector" with "delivery system"
- This is a mandatory policy.

J. Moved by Susen, seconded by Fashant, to approve sending revisions to Policy 516.5: Overdose Medication to the school board. The motion passed unanimously after discussion, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: Provides an optional provision for boards to consider

K. Moved by Susen, seconded by Jurrens, to approve sending revisions to Policy 524: Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy to the school board. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: Note added, removal of cell phone section
- This is a mandatory policy.

L. Moved by Fashant, seconded by Susen, to approve sending revisions to Policy 534: School Meals Policy to the school board. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: New provisions on second breakfast and/or second lunch
- This is a mandatory policy.

M. Moved by Fashant, seconded by Jurrens, to approve sending revisions to Policy 621: Literacy and the READ Act to the school board. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: Update statutory reference and changes to Literacy Aid Uses

N. Moved by Susen, seconded by Fashant, to approve sending requests to Policy 707: Transportation of Public School Students to the school board. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: Students with disabilities

O. Moved by Fashant, seconded by Jurrens, to approve sending revisions to Policy 709: Transportation of Public School Students to the school board. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: Student safety training dates deleted
- This is a mandatory policy.

P. Moved by Jurrens, seconded by Fashant, to approve sending revisions to Policy 802: Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material to the school board. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: Surplus books provision added

Q. Moved by Fashant, seconded by Susen, to approve sending revisions to Policy 806: Crisis Management to the school board. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- Description: MSBA: Violence prevention report information
- This is a mandatory policy.

VI. Next Meeting: September 2, 2025

VII. Moved by Jurrens, seconded by Fashant, to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

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