

## Committee Report

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### **Committee Name: Governance Committee**

Date of Report: November 14, 2015

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Date of last meeting: November 9, 2015

Next meeting date: Monday, December 14, 2015

### **Motions/ Action Items for the November Board Meeting:**

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the following policies:
  - 208 – Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies (would be updating current policy 103)
  - 214 – Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members (updating 9-214)
  - 609 – Religion (updating 9-609)
2. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the following policies:
  - 524 – Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy (updating 9-524)
  - NP500 – Personal Electronic Device – Safe and Acceptable Technology Use Policy

The Governance Committee also wants to point out two additional items.

1. To make it easier to update policies, we're readjusting the policy numbering to fit the MSBA numbers as we update policies. Currently the mandatory policies begin with a 9- and then have a three-digit MSBA number, which can lead to confusion. Policies drafted by Nova will now begin with an NP (Nova Policy) and then be assigned a three-digit number. Policies that correspond with an MSBA policy will just have the three-digit MSBA number even if Nova makes changes to the original MSBA policy.
2. In updating Nova's policy on the Development, etc. of Policies (currently #103; proposed #208), the Governance Committee looked into how many Board meetings at which a policy must be presented before it may be approved by the Board. The current practice is three meetings, with potential approval at the third meeting. However, the revised policy AND the current policy do NOT require three meetings. They require two times when members of the public can comment on the policy (two readings). The vote for approval can occur at the same meeting as the second reading as long as an opportunity for public comment happened earlier in the Board meeting. Thus, going forward, the Governance Committee will be presenting motions to approve recommended policies at their second reading instead of their third. As always, the Board may decline to approve a policy and/or ask the Governance Committee to make changes at any reading.

## **2015-16 Governance Committee Goals**

- 1. Work with the Executive Director to review and recommend policies.**  
In progress; see action items and notes for the November BoD meeting.
- 2. Organize opportunities to introduce Board committees and the Board to the Nova community. (Fits the Strategic Plan item of creating a robust pipeline for future Board and committee members.)**
- 3. Administer an annual Board evaluation that will be used to plan further Board trainings and assess Board trends.**
- 4. Provide the 2015 Election Report and Conduct the 2016 Board election.**  
The 2015 Election Report is completed. Further work on the 2016 Board election will begin in January/February.
- 5. Continue to update the Governance Committee webpage, Governance materials/ documents as needed, including the Board on-line resources.**  
These are updated.