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Policy Committee Mission

The Hastings School Board Policy Committee serves to review and revise current policies, and propose policy changes for adoption based on statute, at the direction of the School Board or administrator, and as identified for the benefit for the students and staff of ISD 200.

Next Policy Committee Meetings

October 3, 2025 at 12:00pm

October 31, 2025 at 12:00pm

September 5, 12, & 19, 2025 Policy Committee Summary

[Review Cycle Tracker](#)

1st Readings

205 Open Meetings and Closed Meetings

Recent changes to Minnesota's Open Meeting Law (section 13D.02) give school board members more flexibility to participate in meetings using interactive technology (such as video conferencing).

- Under the new law, board members may attend by interactive technology if the following conditions are met:
 - The notice of the regular meeting location must also state that members may participate through interactive technology;
 - At least one board member must be physically present at the regular meeting location;
 - All members, regardless of location, must be able to see and hear one another throughout the meeting; and
 - All votes must be conducted by roll call.
- Committee Discussion: Section IV(A)(1): add “(a) *Remote participation by board members at meetings will be in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.02.*”
 - Committee Recommendation: **1st Reading**

515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records

- Committee Discussion: The previous version of this policy was heavily saturated with language taken directly from Minnesota Statutes, U.S. Code, and Federal Regulations. The proposed update is written in plain language while still maintaining all statutory and regulatory requirements
 - Committee Recommendation: **1st Reading**

613 Graduation Requirements

- Annual Review Policy
- Committee Discussion:
- Section III: Updated definitions to reflect policy language
- Section IV: Revised to reflect current procedures
- Removed “Assessment Graduation Requirements” because this is no longer a state requirement for graduation
- Section V(A): Updated to reflect district graduation credit requirements
- Section V(B): Removed ever changing credit equivalencies language and referenced Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.024
- Section VI: Reflects state requirements in plain language
 - Committee Recommendation: **1st Reading**

In adherence to the district's three-year policy review cycle, the Policy Committee has begun reviewing the 700 Series

Policies, which address Non-Instructional Operations and Business Services. As part of this process, the committee is recommending three new policies for first reading: MSBA Model Policies 701, 702, and 703. These policies contain provisions that substantially reflect the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 123B, ensuring our district's policies are aligned with state law and best practices

701 Establishment, Adoption, and Modification of School District Budget

- Committee Discussion: This is a new ISD 200 Policy. A combination of MSBA model policies 701(Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget) & 701.1(Modification of School District Budget)
 - Committee Recommendation: **1st Reading**

702 Accounting

- Committee Discussion: This is a new ISD 200 Policy. Matches MSBA Model Policy.
 - Committee Recommendation: **1st Reading**

703 Annual Audit

- Committee Discussion: This is a new ISD 200 Policy. Matches MSBA Model Policy.
 - Committee Recommendation: **1st Reading**

706 Acceptance of Gifts

- Committee Discussion: No revisions are recommended.
 - Committee Recommendation: **1st Reading**

2nd Reading Update

Policies 602 and 602.1PR are included for board awareness. A more robust discussion will take place during the October work session, when each principal will provide details of their building's e-learning plan as part of their reports.

602 Organization of School Calendar and School Day

- Committee Discussion: Updated language
 - Section III(A): *"The school calendar shall be adopted annually by the school board. It will meet all provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.41, and all other provisions of law pertaining to minimum number of school days. The school calendar shall establish a minimum of 167 days of instruction for students in grades 1 through 11, a minimum of 1028 hours of instruction for students in grade 12, workshop days for staff, provide for emergency closings and include other information relevant to students, staff and parents."*
 - Section V(A)(1-4):
 - *1st inclement weather/snow day= a snow day for all staff/students, it will not be rescheduled or require the use of an e-learning day;*
 - *2nd inclement weather/snow day= a snow day for students and a professional development day for staff;*
 - *3rd inclement weather/snow day= an E-Learning day for all students and staff; and*
 - *ISD 200 may designate up to five e-learning days in one school year*
 - Committee Recommendation: **2nd Reading**

602.1PR Inclement Weather & E-Learning Plans

- Committee Discussion:
 - Committee Recommendation: ***Consent Agenda in October***

4th Readings Updates

601 School District Curriculum, and Instructional Goals *

- Committee Discussion: There is one additional revision in Section V(C). Because this new language is substantive, we are recommending a 4th reading. Following that, the policy will be included on next month's

consent agenda for adoption.

- Committee Recommendation: *4th Reading*

September 24, 2025 Board Meeting

1st Readings:

205 Open Meetings and Closed Meetings

515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records(New)

613 Graduation Requirements

701 Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget

702 Accounting

703 Annual Audit

706 Acceptance of Gifts

2nd Readings:

506 Student Discipline

602 Organization of School Calendar and School Day

722 Public Data Requests

903 Visitors to School District Buildings and Site

3rd Readings:

No policies

4th Reading:

601 School District Curriculum, and Instructional Goals *