

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting “Item for Consideration”

Old Business 5a • Date: July 14, 2025

Policy 5517 – Second Reading

Category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources, Personnel/Staffing | <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment | |
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Type of Board of Trustees Consideration Sought:

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| Action | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Discussion | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Report | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Facts of this Matter:

Recent legislative changes associated with SB 255 and HEA 1002 have impacted Board Policy 5517. Changes center upon timelines for reporting allegations to parents of alleged perpetrators and victims, as well as the timeline for reporting the conclusion of an investigation. These changes are outlined in SEA 225. Changes made in HEA 1002 include the repeal of certain training obligations, though these are still considered best practice for schools.

Background:

Mrs. Ioannacci reviewed changes to legislation and consulted with Jessica Billingsley of Church, Church, Hittle and Antrim. Ms. Billingsley provided additional suggestions, which made the language of the policy more concise and included portions of the policy that should be changed due to code that was repealed by HEA 1002. Ms. Billingsley provided additional clarification on one point regarding which staff members may present the required bullying curriculum, which now also includes teachers.

Objective POSITIVES:

The recommended changes make the language of the policy more concise.

Objective NEGATIVES:

None. Of note, the timeline changes may appear to put pressure on school officials but reflect what has been the typical practice for parent communication within ZCS.

Financial Implications related to this item or approach:

None

Suggested Wording for a Motion, if any:

I move to accept the revisions to policy 5517 as presented.