

Policy Committee Meeting- Regular Session – July 2, 2025

Committee Members Present: Committee Chair, Jerry Metcalf, and Members Chaz Heinz, and Kim Johnson

Others Present: Josh Hetfeld, District Administrator

Jerry Metcalf, Committee Chair, called the Policy Committee Meeting of July 2, 2025 to order at 1:10 PM.

The agenda for this Policy Committee meeting was to review Policy Series 2000 – Programs. The Policy Committee completed reviews of Policies 2105 through 2414 and concluded at *Policy 2416 – Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information*, where the Committee will resume its review of Policy Series 2000 during the next Policy Committee meeting scheduled for July 15, 2025.

Most of updates reviewed during this meeting were confirmations of minor Administration updates and template selections. Where further discussion was conducted and/or modifications were recommended are captured in the notes below.

Policy 2110 – Statement of Philosophy: The Policy Committee recommends not adopting this policy template, as it is considered superfluous and doesn't add any clarity or understanding to our District policies. The Committee believes the District's philosophy is better represented by the District's Mission Statement captured in *Policy 2105 – Mission of the District*.

Policy 2120 – Management Restructuring and School Improvement: There was a discussion whether this policy was needed, and the Committee recommends adopting this policy to help documenting and holding the District Administration accountable for the District-wide improvement plan. Furthermore, it was discussed and recommended that the District updates all applicable District Guidelines by the end of next school year (August 2026).

Policy 2131 – Educational Outcome Goals and Expectations: The Committee recommends adding the field of "personal finance" to the basic body of academic knowledge and skill goals and expectations. Under Citizenship goals, the committee recommends removing references to specific races and cultures and instead include a universal expectation of understanding human relations of different value systems and cultures. Under Personal Development goals, the committee recommends removing the reference to the USDA's Dietary Guidelines of America, due to ongoing widespread criticisms of factual errors, outdated and scientifically unsubstantiated dietary claims, and known conflicts of interests with food industry lobbyist groups.

Policy 2210 – Curriculum Development: The Committee strongly recommends removing a reference to provide multi-cultural education by including an understanding of specific races at each level, course, or unit of the curriculum.

Policy 2230 – Curriculum Course Development: The new policy requires copies of the current curriculum course guides to be kept on file. The Committee recommends a more formalized process for meeting this requirement to be developed, prioritized, and disseminated for the beginning of next year.

Policy 2240 – Controversial Issues in the Classroom: The Committee recommends that when discussing controversial issues in the classroom as part of a classroom topic, a teacher should be allowed to express their personal opinions but must identify it as their personal opinion and not use it to persuade students to their point of view. The Committee also agrees teachers are expected to act as exemplars when discussing controversial topics by demonstrating good judgement as professionals and also model respectfully listening to opposing views.

Policy 2260 – Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity: The Committee recommends removing the reference to the Boy Scouts of America, as they no longer go by that name.

Policy 2413 – Health Education: The Committee recommends adding language as proposed consistent with *Policy 5350 – Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention* to include suicide awareness and prevention.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 1:00 PM, to complete the Committee review of Policy Series 2000, starting with *Policy 2416 – Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information*.

The Policy Committee is recommending to conduct only an Administrative Review of the Policy Series 7000 – Property and Policy Series 8000 – Operations, and to conduct a first reading of Policy Series 2000, 7000, and 8000 at the next full Board meeting on July 21, 2025.

Additionally, the Policy Committee is recommending a second reading of all new policies at the full Board meeting on August 18, 2025.

The Policy Committee meeting of July 2, 2025 was concluded and adjourned at 5:24 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Jerry Metcalf

Policy Committee Chair

School Board Director