

**RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
30 Phipps Avenue  
Rice Lake, WI 54868**

**Policy and Legislative Advocacy Committee Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 25, 2023  
5:30 PM  
Board Room at Administration Office**

**MINUTES**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present – Committee Members: Don Cuskey, Phil Henkel, Keven Jensen  
Absent- Dianne Koser  
District Staff –Randy Drost, District Administrator  
Others: NA
- III. **STATEMENT OF NOTICE:** Randy Drost announced that notice of the meeting was communicated by public notice as required by 19.84 of WI statutes.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, March 28, 2023 [action]:** Don Cuskey and Phil Henkel motioned to approve the meeting minutes from Tuesday, March 28, 2023. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- V. **LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY UPDATE:** The committee discussed the following items:
- State budget hearings are wrapping up
  - Phil’s report from the last Board meeting
- VI. **REVIEW THE FOLLOWING:** The committee reviewed the following policies:

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Title</b>
Policy #132	<b>Board of Education Resignations/Removal from Office/Recall (review):</b> The committee reviewed the current policy. There were no recommended revisions to the policy.
Policy #141	<b>Board of Education Officers (revise):</b> The committee reviewed the current policy. The committee recommended revising the order of the officers listed in the first paragraph of the policy. The committee recommended the revised policy go to the full Board as a first reading.
Policy #150	<b>Board of Education Powers and Duties (revise):</b> The committee reviewed the revised policy. The committee recommended the revised policy go to the full Board as a first reading.
Policy #151.2	<b>Policy Dissemination (recommend delete):</b> The committee

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	<p>reviewed the policy recommended for deletion. The committee recommended the policy go the full Board as a first reading for possible deletion.</p>
<p>Policy #151.3</p>	<p><b>Administration in Policy Absence (revise):</b> The committee reviewed the revised policy. In the third paragraph, the second sentence will be revised to read, “The District Administrator, <b>in consultation with the Board President</b>, shall then determine whether it would be practical and reasonable to refer the matter to the Board of Education for a decision and resolution in the first instance.”</p> <p>The committee recommended the revised policy go to the full Board as a first reading.</p>
<p>Policy #162</p>	<p><b>Board of Education Member Orientation (recommend delete):</b> The committee reviewed the policy recommended for deletion. The committee recommended the policy go to the full Board as a first reading for possible deletion.</p>
<p>Policy #163</p>	<p><b>Board of Education Member Development Opportunities (revise):</b> The committee reviewed the revised policy. The committee recommended the revised policy go to the full Board as a first reading.</p>
<p>Policy #163.1</p>	<p><b>Board of Education Membership (recommend delete):</b> The committee reviewed the policy recommended for deletion. The committee recommended the policy go to the full Board as a first reading for possible deletion.</p>
<p>Policy #171.2</p>	<p><b>Agenda Preparation and Dissemination (revise):</b> The committee reviewed the revised policy. Under the last paragraph on page 2, the last sentence will be revised to read, “This does not preclude Board of Education members from <b>requesting that an item brought up by a speaker during any public comment period be placed on a future agenda.</b>”</p> <p>The committee recommended the revised policy go to the full Board as a first reading.</p>
<p>Policy #172</p>	<p><b>Special Board of Education Meetings (revise):</b> The committee reviewed the revised policy. The committee recommended the revised policy go to the full Board as a first reading.</p>
<p>Policy #173</p>	<p><b>Executive Sessions (revise):</b> The committee reviewed the revised policy. The committee recommended the revised policy go to the full Board as a first reading.</p>

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Policy #174	<b>Board of Education Organizational Meeting (recommend delete):</b> The committee reviewed the current policy recommended for deletion. The committee recommended the policy go to the full Board as a first reading for possible deletion.
Policy #180	<b>Operating Procedures (recommend delete):</b> The committee reviewed the current policy recommended for deletion. The committee recommended the policy go to the full Board as a first reading for possible deletion.
Policy #182	<b>Quorum (revise):</b> The committee reviewed the revised policy. The first paragraph will be revised to read, "In the Rice Lake Area School District there are nine (9) Board of Education members. Five (5) members of the Board of Education constitutes a quorum."  The committee recommended the revised policy go to the full Board as a first reading.
Policy #183	<b>Voting Methods (revise):</b> The committee reviewed the revised policy. The committee requested that the crossed out language as follows: "A conflict of interest that disqualifies a Board of Education member from voting may be small, but it must also be direct, definite, and capable of demonstration-it is not sufficient for a conflict to exist if the interest is remote, uncertain, or merely speculative or theoretical" be added back into the policy in the fifth paragraph, second sentence.  The committee recommended the revised policy go to the full Board as a first reading.
Don Cuskey and Phil Henkel motioned to table Policy, Rule and Exhibit #352.1 and Policy, Rule #411.2 until the next meeting. All present voting yes. Motion approved.	
Policy #352.1	<b>School Volunteers (revise):</b> This policy was tabled until the next meeting.
Rule #352.1	<b>Procedures for Use of Volunteers in Schools (revise):</b> This rule was tabled until the next meeting.
Exhibit #352.1	<b>Volunteer Commitment &amp; Confidentiality Statement (review):</b> This exhibit was tabled until the next meeting.
Policy #411.2	<b>Accommodation of Student's Religious Beliefs (revise):</b> This policy was tabled until the next meeting.
Rule #411.2	<b>Accommodation of Student's Religious Beliefs Procedures (new):</b> This rule was tabled until the next meeting.

VII. **OTHER: NA**

VIII. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administration Office.

- **Upcoming Policies for review:** Policies that are up for review at the next committee meeting include the following:
  - Policy #211, Administration Code of Ethics
  - Policy #222, Administrative Contracts
  - Policy #222.1, Administrator Compensation Plans
  - Policy #230, Administrative Personnel Position Descriptions
  - Policy #240, Supervisory Personnel Position Descriptions
  - Policy #251, Organization for Administrative Purposes
  - Policy #253, Policy Implementation
  - Policy #253.1, Development of Administrative Rules
  - Policy #260, Temporary Administrative Assignments
  - Policy #270, Administrator/School District Reports
  - Policy #830, Use of School Facilities
  - Rule #830, Use of School Facilities Regulations

IX. **ADJOURN:** A motion to adjourn was made at 7:00 p.m. by Don Cuskey and seconded by Phil Henkel.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Randy Drost.