



Grand Haven Area Public Schools

Draft Board Policy Minutes Wednesday, February 26, 2025 – 4:00 pm ESC Building

Attendees: Nichol Stack, Marc Eickholt, Seth Holt (sub), Kristin Perkowski, Jason Reinecke, Sara VanderZee

Absent: Kristal Boyd

Additional Guests: none

Audience: 0

Public Comment: none

Called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Operating Procedures & Operating Guidelines: Nichol

The committee reviewed and discussed merging the new format of the onboarding guidelines with the last copy that was approved by the board in July '23, under Christine Baker. The guidelines will be reviewed and updated in small segments during upcoming policy committee meetings, with the final version brought to the full board for approval.

Public Comment Guidelines: Nichol

Printed public comment guidelines were reviewed and will be updated to reflect the president will call those wishing to comment based on their topic, giving precedence to those wanting to speak on agenda items. Sign-ups will be done online and available the Friday before the meeting until after the consent agenda during the meeting. A device will be on-site for sign-ups and a QR code will be added to the printed guidelines.

Discussion held around limiting same-topic public speaking. This change will now be reflected in the public comment guidelines with the same three (3) minute time limit.

Transition to Thrun Policy: Jason

Acting on one of the superintendent's evaluation goals, we are aligning our legal documents with our policy documents by transitioning to the Thrun policy package. We currently have several policies that are outdated, do not align with our legal advice, or sometimes do not match with our practices. Three other districts in Ottawa County are in the same transition. The Policy Committee will review all policies, one series at a time, with some overlap.

Current online platform that houses the policies is a vendor that can house Neola. Exploratory work is underway with Board Book or Board Book Premier, and research will continue into comparable companies. The ability to add an audio or video of past meetings will be considered, but is not required.

Board President Update: Nichol

President will provide clarity of public comment guidelines at the start of the public comment section during the March board meeting.

Superintendent Update: Kristin

Kindergarten Roundup is next week with those students visiting their homeschool. Soup of the Superintendent starts next week as follows:

- March 5 at 1:30 - Pine Street Cafe
- March 12 at 1:30 - Lakeside Eats
- March 19 at 1:30 - Stable Inn
- March 26 at 6pm - ESC

The Superintendent and Communications Director will keep up with community engagement. Discussion was held around the history of Mary A. White Elementary and Mary A. White, the first teacher in Grand Haven, when it was a one room schoolhouse at the corner of Washington Avenue and Harbor Drive.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.