Policy and Risk Management Committee
OEG IMC – February 8, 2016 – 6:04 p.m.

Minutes

Membership: Steve Obershaw-abs, Connie Valenza, Arlene Siss, Art Beaulieu, Colleen McCabe

I. Minutes from the January 11, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted as printed.

II. Policy Issues:
Superintendent Valenza briefly discussed the first reading of new Policy 171.2 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination. This new policy was discussed/updated during the last board retreat and is brought into the new numbering system as well as being compliant with the state statute related to posting of meetings. The new policy also includes the addition of future board agenda items. Three old policies (BDDA, BDDB and BDDC) are being removed to make one policy (Policy 171.2).
Second Readings of Policy 130-School Board Legal Status, Policy 132-Board Member Resignation, Policy 133-Filling Board Vacancies and Policy 144-Appointment of Board Member Representatives were discussed. These policies were also updated during the last board retreat as well as approved as first readings at the January 25th school board meeting.
Superintendent Valenza and the committee members discussed the overall process for policies. How should we tackle the number of policies that we have? Best way to condense the number of policies per meeting/month? Policies vs Rules were discussed. Some changes to policies are made each year (administrative names, titles, prices, etc.) that may not need to go through 1st and 2nd readings if they are "Rules". Superintendent Valenza will send a link to board members relating to WASB's answer to Policy versus Administrative Rule.
The committee members discussed the process on how receive input from staff regarding policies that deal with instruction and student. Colleen discussed the CDC Assessment Tool and feedback.

III. Other: Set Special School Board Retreat-board Operation and Policies:
Superintendent Valenza requested input from the members regarding a policy "check-up" by WASB. WASB can sort and inform us to what policies to keep, what policies to change and what policies to totally remove. The committee members feel that having WASB provide a check-up would be a good idea and would save everyone time. Superintendent Valenza believes it is a good idea to discuss with the full board the potential of having WASB discuss and give options on our policy process.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm

Recorded by Lynne Tanner