

Minutes
Board of Education
Policy Committee
Marshall C.U.S.D. C-2
Thursday, July 13, 2023
4:30 P.M.
MJHS Library, 806 N. 6th St.
(Mr. Gard, Mr. Lycan, Mr. Macke)

I. Call to Order

Mr. Macke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Opportunity for Public Comment (w/ a 2 minute time limit)

There was no public present, so there was no public comment.

III. Discussion of March and June IASB PRESS Policy Updates

2 sets of IASB Press Policy Updates were reviewed. The BOE Policy Committee will bring recommendations for discussion to the full board in July and those would then be up for approval at the August meeting.

Copies of the current Board Policy Manual along with Committee Worksheets were shared for discussion.

As shared by Mr. Ross, there is a lot here to process. The changes are many, but what we will find with most of the changes is that they are minor and do not substantively change practice. It is the few that do change practice that we need to focus on. For example, the March Updates has a large number of changes to reflect Faith's Law, which requires schools to do extensive information sharing and checks on candidates for employment with regards to sexual harassment or a past with Title IX issues. Updates definitely change practice. Good news is that our screening practices for new hires have already been updated to meet this requirement. I think I have shared before, the law is the law and regardless if the Board Book has been updated to meet it, we are expected to follow it. We often can update the practice in real time to meet the law, and then play a bit of catch up in getting the practice into the policy book.

I would suggest reading through each of the PRESS Updates first. These will give you the Cliff's notes version of what is changing and why. The last part of the issue lists the rationale for each change 1 by 1. I have marked with an x any of those that don't pertain to us. If any of the changes could affect a policy for which we have added specific local language that we need to make sure we don't inadvertently edit out, I would make a note of that as well. (A copy of these is included in the minutes)

The last step would then be to cross check those suggested changes against our actual current published Board Policy Book to check and double check that we don't wipe any local language out inadvertently.

One variance, as noted by Mr. Lycan, is in the language of BOE Policy 4:45 Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery. Proposed PRESS language after the 1st sentence of part II should be deleted as it is not relevant to Marshall Schools.

IV. Adjourn

The committee adjourned at 5:45 p.m.