

River Valley School Board – Policy Committee Meeting

Committee: Policy Date: July 12, 2021 Meeting Time: 5:00 pm Adjourn Time: 6:15
 Present: Kathy Jennings, Deb Nelson, Fred Iausly, Sara Carstensen, Loren Glassbrenner, Brian Krey

Agenda Item	Motion	2 nd	Discussion
Approval of minutes from June 7, 2021	Fred	Deb	Approved.
728 Mask Policy			<p>Policy will be on the agenda every month to address concerns or changes necessary during the pandemic.</p> <p>No changes, but will be discussion next month about the start of the school year. Committee requested input and data and recommendations from the District doctor and nursing staff for the August meeting.</p>
(NEW) 852 Distribution of Electronic and Printed Material	Fred	Deb	<p>Recommend to the Board for a 2nd reading. No changes from 1st reading. This was the discussion at the first reading:</p> <p>There is a lot of information that comes to the District from many sources, with requests to distribute the information to students and families (club meetings, fliers, community events, etc). This policy establishes procedures for the RV staff on how to distribute this information. Essentially, the District plans to have an electronic community bulletin board to post this information, and the policy describes this process of approval and what is acceptable to be posted. RV is moving away from distributing paper copies of information. Families will also receive emails once a week, or once every other week, with information about the community bulletin board.</p> <p><i>Note: Loren G is going to test trial some fliers/information on the community bulletin board and give a report at the next meeting.</i></p>
345.4 Academic Honors and HS Laude System & 345.4 Exhibit Laude Chart	Fred	Deb	<p>Recommend to the Board for a 2nd reading. No changes from 1st reading. This was the discussion at the first reading:</p> <p>The District transitioned from the cumulative Grade Point Average to the Laude System over the last 4 years. All students graduating in the classes of 2022 and beyond will be recognized through the Laude System. Language was removed that referred to GPA. There was a discussion about the selection of graduation speakers. Committee liked that staff selects speakers, and recommend widening the selection pool to include students who earn Magna and Summa Cum Laude status, not only Summa Cum Laude.</p>
Rural Virtual Academy			<p>RV is partnering to offer students a fully virtual education, while remaining a student at RV through the Rural Virtual Academy. There was discussion about whether a policy is needed for this, and it was decided it was not, however 2 policies should be updated (320 Organization for Instruction & 322 School Day) to include information about the Rural Virtual Academy.</p>

320 Organization for Instruction	Fred	Deb	<p>Recommend to the Board for a 2nd reading. No changes from 1st reading. This was the discussion at the first reading:</p> <p>Add a sentence to include Virtual school is offered Pre-K to 12 through the Rural Virtual Academy.</p>
322 School Day	Fred	Deb	<p>Recommend to the Board for a 2nd reading. No changes from 1st reading. This was the discussion at the first reading:</p> <p>Add language that states the Rural Virtual Academy sets their own schedule for each day.</p>
346 Testing Programs & 346 Rule 2 Testing of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Students	Fred	Deb	<p>Recommend to the Board for a 1st reading.</p> <p>James Radke and Laura Seybold reviewed these policies and updated per WASB quickcheck recommendations. English Language Learner (ELL) changed to Limited English Proficiency (LEP).</p>
(NEW) 342.5 Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Program	Fred	Deb	<p>Recommend to the Board for a 1st reading.</p> <p>James Radke and Laura Seybold reviewed this new policy. New policy is based on info and recommendation from WASB quickcheck.</p>
361 Selection of Instructional Materials	Fred	Deb	<p>Recommend to the Board for a 1st reading.</p> <p>Committee recommended keeping RV's current policy, with a change in the first paragraph based on recommendation from WASB quickcheck review. WASB stated that the legal references refer to state statutes, but did not address what the state statutes are. These state statute requirements are now in the policy.</p>
363.3 Assistive Technology			<p>This policy is on the WASB quickcheck review and is regarding technology for students with special needs. RV Special Ed Handbook already addresses all the recommendations from WASB, therefore the policy does not need any revisions.</p>
(NEW) Foster Care Children	Fred	Deb	<p>Recommend to the Board for a 1st reading.</p> <p>WASB quickcheck recommended RV have a this policy. Lisa Kjos brought this policy to the Committee for review.</p>
523.11 Employee Alcohol & Drug Testing			<p>Recommendations from WASB quickcheck. RV's bus company (Lamers) already has everything covered in RV's contract with Lamers. No policy changes needed.</p>
751 Student Transportation Services	Fred	Deb	<p>Recommend to the Board for a 1st reading.</p> <p>Brian Krey reviewed recommendation from WASB quickcheck and updated policy with OTETA regulations (Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act).</p>

(NEW) 526.1 Employment References and Verification (Aiding and Abetting Sexual Abuse)	Fred	Deb	Recommend to the Board for a 1 st reading. Recommendation from WASB quickcheck to add this policy. Districts receiving ESEA funds are required to adopt a policy prohibiting school employees from assisting another school employee in obtaining a new job if they have knowledge or probable cause to believe that the other employee engaged in sexual misconduct regarding a minor or student in violation of the law.
527 Staff Complaints and Grievances			Recommendation from WASB quickcheck to have this procedure in policy or handbook. Brian Krey reviewed and noted this information is already included in the handbook; no policy changes are needed.
342.8 Section 504 Plans and Services			Recommendation from WASB quickcheck to have this procedure in policy or handbook. Lisa Kjos reviewed and noted this information is already included in the handbook, no policy changes are needed.
(NEW) 671.3 Employee Compensation Unexpected or Extraordinary Circumstances	Fred	Deb	Recommend to the Board for a 1 st reading. Recommendation from WASB quickcheck to have this procedure in policy. The policy language is directly from WASB and is needed in case of a public health emergency, staff getting paid with federal funds (such as Title 1 Reading) will still be paid.
752 District Vehicle Use and (NEW) 752.1 Exhibit Student Transportation Agreement (Alternative Transportation)			No action taken. Discussion on requirements pertaining to drivers, vehicles and insurance when alternative transportation is used for such things as practice or events or games.
Adjourn	Fred	Deb	Next meeting scheduled for August 2, 2021 at 5:00.