

**RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
700 AUGUSTA STREET
Rice Lake, WI 54868**

Policy and Legislative Advocacy Committee Minutes

**Monday, December 16, 2019
5:30 p.m.
Board Room at Administration Office**

MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present – Committee Members: Abbey Fischer, Keven Jensen, Lorrie Parkman, Gary Spear
Absent- NA
District Staff – Randy Drost, District Administrator
Others: NA
- III. **NOTICE OF POSTING:** 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, November 12, 2019 [action]:** Abbey Fischer and Gary Spear motion to approve the meeting minutes from Tuesday, November 12, 2019. All present voting yes. Motion approved.
- V. **LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY UPDATE:**
The committee discussed the following:
- Various bills related to dyslexia
 - Mental health still continues to be a concern
 - How schools are funded going into the future-whatever happened with the recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Commission.
- VI. **REVIEW THE FOLLOWING:** The committee reviewed the following policies:

Policy	Title
Policy #342.41	<p>Programs and Services for English Language Learners (revise): The committee reviewed the revised policy. Any reference in the policy to ELL, will be revised to EL (English Learners). The guidebook shared by Gary will be used as a reference to develop three additional exhibits. These exhibits will include a home language survey, parent notification, and Individualized Learning Plans.</p> <p>A bullet will be added after the first paragraph to include the definitions of EL (English Learners), LEP (Limited English Proficiency), ESL (English as a Second Language), and ELP (English Language Proficient). The committee recommended the policy go to the full board as a first reading.</p> <p>The policy, rule and exhibits will be shared with Emma Bauer, Bilingual</p>

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	<p>Teacher, to determine if these should be developed in alternate languages. It was recommended the new Exhibit 4 include a sample ILP within the exhibit.</p> <p>The policy will be revised and go back to the committee for review.</p>
Rule #342.41	<p>Procedures for Testing and Assisting English Language Learners (revise): The committee reviewed the revised rule. Any reference to ELL will be revised to EL (English Learners). The committee recommended double-checking the date of June 1 mentioned in letter B, #1 of the rule.</p> <p>Under letter F, #3 will be revised to read, “An EL student in grades 1-12 may also be eligible for exiting exited from the ESL program or services when if all of the following conditions are met:”</p> <p>In addition, under letter F, #4 will be revised to read, “When the district has made the decision to exit a student from the ESL program, the district must notify the student’s parent/guardian of the reclassification decision and communicate information about any changes in programming and support.”</p> <p>The rule will be revised and go back to the committee for review.</p>
Exhibit (1) #342.41	<p>ESL/Bilingual Program and Services-Parent Notification and Waiver (review): The committee reviewed the current Exhibit (1). It was recommended this exhibit be revised to reflect the information in the DPI English learners policy handbook.</p> <p>The Exhibit (1) will be revised and go back to the committee for review.</p>
Exhibit (2) #342.41	<p>Rice Lake Area School District-Parent/Guardian Home Language Survey (review): The committee reviewed the current Exhibit (2). It was recommended the exhibit be revised to reflect the information in the DPI English learners policy handbook.</p> <p>The Exhibit (2) will be revised and go back to the committee for review.</p> <p>In addition, the committee recommended the addition of an Exhibit to reflect the information in the DPI English learners policy handbook in reference to an Individual Learning Plan (ILP).</p>
Policy #383.2	<p>Emotional Support Animals in District Facilities (revise): The committee reviewed the revised policy. Under letter A, #1, the language from policy 383.3, under the section <u>Health Records and Hygiene/Animal Care</u>, will be added under letter A, #1 of policy 383.2.</p> <p>Under letter A, #3, letter d. Injuries to students, employees, volunteers, and visitors caused by the animal, the committee requested looking into what liability the district has. Looking at Policy 383.3, the district requires \$1 million in liability coverage.</p>

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	<p>Under letter C, #1 will be moved up to section B</p> <p>The policy will be revised and go back to the committee for review.</p>
Policy #383.3	<p>Professional Therapy Dogs (revise): The committee reviewed the revised policy. The fifth paragraph will be revised to read, “Professional therapy dogs have passed a Therapy Dogs International (TDI) test.”</p> <p>The policy will be revised and go back to the committee for review.</p>
Policy #458.1	<p>School-Based Mental Health Services (new): The committee reviewed the new policy. The first paragraph of the policy will be revised as follows: “The Rice Lake Area School District provides a continuum of services and supports for students within a mental health framework. Within this framework, the District collaborates with community health agencies allowing the community mental health therapists from licensed clinics to provide year round mental health therapy services to students in school buildings.”</p> <p>Under the section titled, “Procedure”, item #4 reads, “<i>Before students are eligible to receive therapy services in a school building, the certified community agency will have on file parent/guardian written consent for the provision school-based mental health services</i>”. The committee asked about how do we know what documentation exists that lets us know it is okay? This will be confirmed with the appropriate staff.</p> <p>The new policy will be revised and go back to the committee for review.</p>
Policy #850	<p>Sales and Solicitations on School Property (revise): The committee reviewed the revised policy. The title of the policy will be revised to read, “Sales and Fundraising on School Property.”</p> <p>The second paragraph will be revised to read, “Further, pursuant to state law, it is unlawful at all times and without any exception for any District employee to sell, promote the sale of or act as an agent or solicitor requestor for the sale of any goods or services to any student while on District property or at a District-sponsored activity to receive for his/her personal benefit anything of value from any person other than the District.”</p> <p>Under #5, the last sentence, “Such advertising shall never promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, weapons, or gambling or include any material that is sexually-explicit or vulgar” will be added into the rule.</p> <p>Under #6, letter b, remove the word “which” from this item. Under #6, letter c, revise any reference to solicitations to “requests”.</p> <p>The policy will be revised and go back to the committee for review.</p>

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Rule #850	<p>Guidelines for Lottery/Lottery-Type Activities (review): The committee reviewed the current rule. It was requested that the language from the policy be added to the rule. Randy will check with the attorney on #2 and will research the process as referenced in #6.</p> <p>The last sentence of the rule will be revised to read, "Permission, when granted, is per event for one year but may be renewed."</p> <p>The rule will be revised and go back to the committee for review.</p>

VII. **OTHER:** NA

VIII. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administration Office.

IX. **ADJOURN:** A motion to adjourn was made at 7:55 p.m. by Abbey Fischer and seconded by Lorrie Parkman.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Randy Drost.