

RSU 54/MSAD 54
Educational Policy/Program Committee
MINUTES
May 9, 2023
6:00 PM
Skowhegan Area High School –Library

Committee Attendance: Jeannie Conley, Amy Rouse, Janet Burrill, Mike Lambke, Peggy Lovejoy, Lynda Quinn, Janice Malek

Also Present: Jonathan Moody, Mark Hatch, Deb Bicknell, Danielle Denis, Julian Payne, Bruce Mochamer, Ann Amadon, Tim Amadon

1. Discussion of proposed policy BBAB/BBAB-R – Student Representation on the School Board

The committee discussed the proposed policy. Mr. Hatch shared information from the district’s attorney, which clarified that having a student representative on the school board is allowed by law. The policy would allow students to participate in discussions at Board meetings and at the Educational Policy and Program Committee meetings, and places reasonable restrictions on a student’s role as they will not be able to vote, participate in executive sessions, discuss individual personnel or discipline matters, or participate as a member of the board on other committees.

The committee discussed the importance of a well-developed selection process, student training and how to support students in these positions. The committee came to consensus on moving the policy forward to the full Board for approval. Mr. Moody reported that should the Board approve the policy, Mr. Hatch would work with the high school administration to develop a set of procedures to support the ongoing implementation of the policy.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt policies BBAB and BBAB-R as written.

2. Drug and Alcohol Testing for bus/van drivers policy EEAEAA/EEAEAA-A

The committee reviewed Policy EEAEAA which involves Drug and Alcohol Testing of School Bus Drivers. The committee made no substantive changes

to the existing policy except to update the file name to align with MSMA's recommendation.

The committee discussed draft policy EEAEAA-A which involves Drug and Alcohol Testing for Passenger Van/Car Drivers. This policy requires staff who regularly transport students in vans to complete the same drug and alcohol testing process that the school bus drivers currently follow. Mr. Moody shared that this was discussed and agreed upon in the negotiations with the support services union.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt policy EEAEAA-A as written.