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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, October 20, 2025

5:00 PM - Policy Committee Meeting

Harper Creek Administration Building

7454 B Drive North, Battle Creek, MI 49014

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:55 PM.
 - A. Present: Erin Allwardt, Ashley Risner, Chae Waterson, Rob Ridgeway, Laura Williams
- II. Discussion
 - A. Review Policy
 - 1. Student Handbook Addition: Mr. Ridgeway discussed the addition of Appendix I Sexual Harassment and sexual assault information guide (new), as required by Michigan Law. This law requires all students, parents, and guardians to be notified.
 - 2. Thrun Policy Updates
 - a. 5405- Title I Parent and Family Engagement-This was approved, but district-specific details were added. Take it to the Board for approval.
 - b. Thrun, October 10, 2025, updates
 - 1) 3118 Title IX Sexual Harassment – change fondling to criminal sexual contact – define criminal sexual contact
 - 2) 4113 Michigan Earned Sick Time Act update form F to form F-1 (4113 F-1)
 - 3) 4113 F-2 (new) Michigan Earned Sick Time Act Checklist
 - 4) Take Thrun, October 10, 2025, update to the Board.
 - 3. Artificial Intelligence Conversation
 - a. Reviewed draft of District Principals and Beliefs
 - b. Reviewed draft of teacher and student AI guidelines
 - c. Reviewed Michigan Virtual and AI for Education process.
 - d. Next step, district administration finalizes drafts and an infographic for when AI can be used.
 - 4. Student Discipline Review
 - a. The committee reviewed the Board Policy
 - b. Next step, consider progressive discipline in policy or handbook
 - c. Bring the team to the discipline hearing.
- III. Comments from the Audience: There were no comments from the audience.
- IV. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

