

Educational Policy Committee
Minutes

July 7, 2020

7:00-8:00pm (zoom)

Members Present: Angela LeClair, Cherieann Harrison, Debbie Smith

Absent: Craig Stickney, Josh Robbins

Other Board Members Present:

Staff Present: Tina Meserve, Laura Columbia, Monique Poulin, Doug Hodum, James Black

1. IFK Graduation policy (Laura Columbia and Monique Poulin)
 - a. We reviewed the new language in the draft policy as compared to the original RSU 9 policy. Sections of focus include:
 - i. Technical English has been added as an elective for senior year. This is taught in connection with Foster Technical and Career education programming.
 - ii. Homeschooled students must be at MBHS for their senior year to be granted a Mt. Blue High School diploma.
 - iii. Language is included that complies with a new law that permits diploma for students in Dual Enrollment CTE programing.
 - iv. Honors and awards would recognize Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Lauda, Cum Laude. Top students will be recognized if they meet one of these categories. Valedictorian and Salutatorian will still be recognized.
 - b. The committee recommends sending this policy forward to the full board for consideration.
2. IJOA School Sponsored and Non-School Sponsored Student Field Trips (James Black)
 - a. We reviewed the new language in the draft policy
 - i. Added clarification on in-district school trips.
 - ii. Reviewed additions of the guidelines for water activities.
 - iii. Class field trip procedures were reviewed for minimum requirements. It was requested that we differentiate the expectations by grade spans and add a parental notification for trips not within the immediate vicinity of the school.
 - b. The committee recommends moving this policy forward to the full board for consideration.
3. Title IX Law Change (Tina Meserve)
 - a. New changes added additional requirements and responsibility of the school district. We will have a significant increase in paperwork and process.
 - b. The new law will go into effect on August 14th.

- c. Drummond and Woodsum just released sample policies that will be brought to the committee once we have more information on legal challenges already submit to delay the implementation of the law.
- d. If the law is not put on hold, we will still follow the law requirements, regardless of our current policies.