

AGENDA
SCHOOL BOARD OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY
WORKSHOP
December 9, 2021-5:00 PM

Items for Review and Discussion

A. School Board Policy Updates

For a complete word for word transcript, please see the video. The following has been condensed.

The School Board of Santa Rosa County met in session with the following members present: Mrs. Wei Ueberschaer, Chairperson; Mrs. Linda Sanborn, Vice-Chairperson; Mrs. Elizabeth Hewey, Mr. Charles Elliott, and Mrs. Carol Boston.

The Superintendent and School Board Attorney Terry Harmon were also present.

Superintendent Dr. Karen Barber introduced Assistant Superintendent Michael Thorpe to present and discuss each School Board policy that is included in the public hearing immediately following this workshop.

Mr. Thorpe explained the process. All School Board policies are posted on our website and once these revised/new policies are approved they will be added to our website.

We contract with a consortium group to provide recommendations for policy or policy revision based on Florida Statutes, State Board of Education Administrative Rules, or other regulations. Twice a year the consortium sends proposed updates that we pass on to our policy team. The team reviews the suggested changes and sends to the Instructional office for placement on the Board agenda to begin the approval process. This includes request for advertisement for no less than 28 days and then public hearing and potential request for approval. The proposed revisions are posted on our website and a hard copy is available for viewing at the Dillon Administrative Center.

Mr. Thorpe discussed the following Board policies including proposed change/s.

SB Policy 2.261; Family and School Partnership for Student Achievement
SB Policy 2.27; Special Committees of the School Board
SB Policy 2.30*+; School Advisory Councils
SB Policy 3.40+; Safe and Secure Schools
SB Policy 3.61; A Moment of Silence
SB Policy 4.18; Multi-Tiered System of Supports*

SB Policy 5.55+; Notification of Involuntary Examination*
SB Policy 5.70+; Student Records*
SB Policy 6.29; Report of Misconduct*
SB Policy 6.531; Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)
SB Policy 6.90; Personnel Files
SB Policy 7.22+; Electronic Records Electronic Signatures and Electronic Funds
SB Policy 8.10; Safety*
SB Policy 8.16; Emergency Evacuation Drills*

**Denotes policies which are required by statutes or other regulations*
+Sign denotes that plans or other documents must be developed

The presentation providing more specific revision information is attached to the meeting agenda.

There was more in-depth discussion and explanation on the new policies - 7.22+ and 8.16.*

School Board Policy 7.22+ Electronic Records Electronic Signatures and Electronic Funds

There is much more to this policy than you might think including security at all levels and a system/process to provide the security. SRSD will need assistance with this; we will likely outsource to a third party. David Hicks, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Technology Services, came forward to answer questions. Mrs. Hewey asked questions about the possibility of hacking and language in the agreement/policy regarding protecting our information.

SB Policy 8.16; Emergency Evacuation Drills*

We have been doing emergency evacuation drills for many years. The added element in the policy is more reporting about the outcome of the drill back to the dist. It defines some of the requirements of a drill but also includes reporting any concerns that were encountered during the drill. The policy states the "Principal shall identify and report to the Superintendent hazardous areas requiring corrective measures. The Superintendent shall be responsible for informing the School Board of the Principal's report."

Once the Board policy revisions are approved they are posted in the policy area of our website, sent out to schools, and grade level directors work with schools to help them understand changes.

Mrs. Hewey asked if, in the future, the policies will be connected to the Strategic Plan (once it is complete).

Mr. Thorpe assured her that policies will be aligned with the Strategic plan.

Board Chairperson Wei Ueberschaer stated that following this workshop there will be a regular School Board meeting at 6:30 P.M. including a public hearing on these School Board policies.

The workshop was adjourned.