

**Board of Education
Policy Committee Minutes
Tuesday, June 9th, 2026
Remote
11:00 AM - 12:05 PM**



Attendance: Philip Nicaastro from Strauss Esmay, Pamela Stanley (chair), Gale Bradford, Superintendent Dr. Kim Feltre, Dr. Crystal Marr, and BA Jennifer Nicholson

Purpose and Goals

The purpose of the Board of Education Policy Committee is to review Bylaw, Policy, and Regulation recommendations and mandated updates as submitted by policy consultants. The committee is also responsible for developing, drafting and updating the Board of Education policy and bringing recommendations to add, change or eliminate policies to the full Board for discussion and adoption. Board policy requires that new or revised policies have two readings before adoption. The committee will be composed of three Board of Education members and the Chief School Administrator. Additional administrative staff members will be invited to participate in these meetings as necessary and appropriate. Meetings will take place approximately once a month and as needed to inform BOE members and support district goals. Minutes from these meetings will be provided following the meeting. As needed, the chairperson of the committee will provide updates at full Board of Education meetings.

Policies

Bylaw / Policy / Regulation	Name	Action	First Reading	
	First Read			
P 0162	Notice of Board Meetings	Revise	First Read Ready for June 25, 2026	Addresses changes to state statute that no longer requires newspaper publication but must be posted on website.
P 0162.01	Legal Notices (M)	NEW	First Read Ready for June 25, 2026	New and Mandatory, addresses changes to state statute that no longer requires newspaper publication but must be posted on websites.
P 1230	Superintendent's Duties (M)	Revise	First Read Ready for June 25, 2026	The entire Chapter N.J.A.C. 6A:8 was recently updated. The major change to the policy is the removal of the statutes referenced.
P 1643	Family Leave (M)	Revise	First Read Ready for June 25, 2026	*The newly passed revisions to NJFLA reduce the time period in which an employee must be employed with their employer prior to qualifying for NJFLA. SE P 1643 We are already following this law, the policy is just catching up.
P 2200	Curriculum Content (M)	Revise	First Read Ready for June 25, 2026	*completely rewritten to combine with the regulation. SE P 2200 The new language is clear and detailed. Much of this is a process we follow now. The committee feels this is a big improvement.

R 2200	Curriculum Content	ABOLISH	First Read Ready for June 25, 2026	Combined with P 2200 in New P 2200
R 2460.30	Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services	ABOLISH	First Read Ready for June 25, 2026	Covid-related
	Second Read			
P 0149	Retiring Board Members	Revise	Second Read Ready for June 25, 2026	The committee looked at the policy again with SE Philip Nicastro. Phil stated that many districts already have this in practice.
				Admin asked for the policy committee to review, the BHEA would like to suggest language. The committee looked at the language provided by the BHEA. The committee added 2 additions to the policy in response to the suggested language. Some of the language should be addressed in the teachers hand book but not necessarily in policy. The committee discussed the phrase “number of assignments” and both board members and district admin were in agreement that the language could stay in the policy as it has been discussed with the admin and teacher community
P 2624	Grading System	Revise	Second Read Ready for June 25, 2026	

				that consistency would be decided and evaluated by the administration as the policy directs. This is about providing consistency for the students, and it is not about changing teaching methods. The superintendent will send this policy to the Board attorney for review before adding to the board agenda.
P 3324	Right Of Privacy	Revise	Hold	Philip Nicaastro from Strauss Essmay discussed the concerns of cell phone use. He would like to help the district craft language about how to approach the use of cell phones by staff for photos and videos. The Administration is going to work with the tech department and Principals to come up with a plan. Most likely something to allow the use of a personal cell phone but with a time line to download the media off a personal device and on to a district server. The goal is for student media not to be on a staff personal device. Most likely being moved back to First Read.

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*June 25th meeting will have multiple first read policies with the committee meeting again on June 18th to look at the rest of the April Alert

[April 2026 Alert](#)

Future Items for discussion:

1. Update - Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices
 - Update from SE: the original idea was to limit the use of cell phones for non- academic use during instructional time, but the governor signed it in as a Bell to Bell instead. Strauss Esmay is awaiting an FAQ that has been promised to help answer some of the unknowns like field trips and events. Some things to start thinking about as Board Members is do we want to allow use on the bus, or allow the use of cell phones with a Supervising Staff Members permission. Do we want to allow exceptions? SE does plan to give options and guidance with their cell phone alert. They are hoping to have it out by the end of the month.

Please look at R 6220 in Fall of 2026