



NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees
Policy Committee Agenda

A Policy Committee of the Board of Trustees of Nye County School District will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2008, beginning at 5:00 PM at the Southern District Office Boardroom, 484 S West Street, Pahrump, NV 89048.

The subjects to be discussed, considered, or acted upon are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order presented below and the Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration at any time. The Board may also remove any items on the agenda or delay discussion relating to any item listed on the agenda at any time. Unless removed from the Consent Agenda, items identified within the Consent Agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENT, INFORMATIONAL ITEM
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PAST MEETING, ACTION ITEM
4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING CHANGES TO EXISTING POLICIES, ACTION ITEM
 - A. 0520 - Officers, Duties & Salaries
 - B. 5556 - Internet & School Network Acceptable Use
 - C. 7142 - Assignment of Home-Schooled Students
 - D. 7331 - Student Dress
 - E. 7363 - Student Use of Electronic Communication Devices such as Cellular Telephones or Pagers
5. ASSIGNMENT OF FUTURE POLICY RESEARCH, ACTION ITEM
6. ADJOURNMENT, ACTION ITEM

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Public input may be accepted live via email for the duration of the Meeting and shared during the public input designated timeframe (all rules and timelines as listed in the Agenda still apply). Public comments made by members of the public attending the meeting virtually must be emailed to publiccomment@nyeschools.org and must include:

- a. The author's first and last name
- b. The author's phone number (will not be read with comment)
- c. Date of the Meeting for which the comment is intended

Nye County School District (NCSD) will empower students to learn at their highest level in an environment of mutual respect.

The NCSD BOT Goals are as follows:

Culture

Improve and sustain a culture of learning for all through:

- ◆ Recruiting, selecting, inducting, supporting, evaluating, and developing staff.
- ◆ Fostering a safe and respectful learning and working environment.
- ◆ Promoting ongoing family and community engagement in pursuit of our vision.

Academic

Elevate achievement and support lifelong learning for all through:

- ◆ Creating and sustaining a results-focused learning environment; establishing measurable goals for all.
- ◆ Creating and sustaining an instructional framework and common language to ensure essential content standards drive instruction.

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POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 3, 2008

Present: Dennis Keating, Harold Tokerud, Tracie Ward and Dr. William Roberts, Members; Mike Floyd, Dale Norton, Jerry Hill, Rod Pekarek, Ray Ritchie, Lisa Mays and Kerry Paniagua.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Pahrump boardroom with a videoconference link to the Tonopah boardroom. There was no public input. Dr. Roberts moved approval of the November 29 minutes. Mrs. Ward seconded, and a unanimous vote was recorded.

1200 – Parent Involvement & Empowerment. Mrs. Ward asked if most of this could be placed in the regulation. Ms. Paniagua explained that most of the elements contained in the policy were required by NCLB and that the regulation was even longer. She said most of this policy was lifted from Washoe and Douglas counties' policies. Dr. Roberts made the motion to approve the policy as written. Mrs. Ward seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast.

Assignment of Future Policy Research. Mr. Norton said revisions to the attendance policy would be presented to the Attendance Committee and would probably come to the Policy Committee in February.

Dr. Roberts moved to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Mr. Tokerud seconded, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

OFFICERS, DUTIES & SALARIES

Officers of the Board of Trustees:

The officers of the Board of Trustees of the Nye County School District shall be President, Vice-President and Clerk. Officers shall be elected at the first meeting in January of each year. Each shall serve for a term of one year.

Immediately after the organization of the Board of Trustees, the Clerk shall file the names of the officers and members with the Nevada State Department of Education and the County **Auditor**.

All members of the Board of Trustees shall be bonded in the amount of no less than \$100,000.

Salaries of President, Clerk and other Trustees:

Each member receives a salary of \$400 per month. Board members are covered under worker's compensation while performing their duties.

Duties of Officers:

1. The President of the Board shall have powers as prescribed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
 - a. All committees shall be appointed by the President of the Board unless ordered by the Board.
 - b. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees. He or she shall conduct all meetings in accordance with the policies, regulations and by-laws adopted by the Board. He or she shall appoint committees of study when directed by the Board. He or she shall have the right, as other members of the Board, to discuss questions.
 - c. It shall be the prerogative of the President, if there is no objection from a board member present, to move an agenda item to a different position during the course of any meeting.
 - d. The President shall have the authority to sign all necessary documents related to the functions of the Nye County School District and those required by law under Nevada Revised Statutes.
2. The Vice-President of the Board shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and shall perform other functions as designated by the Board.

3. The Clerk of the Board shall preside in the absence of the President and Vice-President, sign papers, and perform other functions as designated.
 - a. The Clerk shall keep the minutes of all meetings and transactions of the Board of Trustees, and shall sign all necessary documents related to the functions of the Nye County School District and those required by law under Nevada Revised Statutes.
 - b. The duties of Clerk, with the exception of signatory powers, may be assigned to a competent employee of the Nye County School District.

Reviewed: February 4, 2005

Adopted: June 28, 1995

Revised: July 16, 2003

NEPN/NSBA Classification: BDB

Legal Reference: NRS 386.310, 386.320 & 386.325

INTERNET AND SCHOOL NETWORK ACCEPTABLE USE

INTENT: The use of the Nye County School District (NCSD) networks and Internet access is intended to aid in education process and research.

The access, provided by the NCSD, to the Internet and school networks shall be used to facilitate the exchange of information consistent with the district educational objectives.

NCSD school network access shall not be used to transmit any communication where the meaning of the message, or its transmission or distribution, would violate any applicable law or regulation, or which is obscene, abusive or otherwise likely to be offensive.

Users of NCSD Internet and school network access shall promote efficient use of the school networks to minimize and avoid, if possible, congestion of the networks and interference with the work of other users of the networks. Users of NCSD access to the Internet and school network services shall respect the rights and property of others and shall not improperly access, misappropriate or misuse the information or files of other users. When using dial-in access from home, the user agrees not to be on-line during regular school hours for non-school business.

Access, beyond the NCSD networks, shall conform to acceptable use policies of those sources. This includes, but is not limited to, NCSD policies, administrative regulations and procedures.

No individual will install software, diskettes or other media from home on school district equipment due to licensing, virus and support issues **unless the software with appropriate licensing is donated to NCSD. Staff may install NCSD software on home/personal computers when home use is expressly permitted by the software license.**

Teachers will use the current grading software approved by the District.

This policy is subject to annual review.

Reviewed: June 30, 2005
Adopted: January 31, 1996
Revised: August 12, 2005

NEPN/NSBA Classification: IJNDA
Legal Reference: NRS Chapters 201, 388, 390 and 393

7142 ASSIGNMENT OF HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS TO CLASSES AND GRADE LEVELS

Students will be assigned to grade level and classes based upon records kept by parents, other evidence of course completion, standardized test data **or school assessments**. The site administrator/designee will determine grade placement and assignment to classes in consultation with parents/guardians.

Reviewed: August 12, 2005
Adopted: September 9, 2005
Revised:

NEPN/NSBA Classification: JGB
Legal Reference: NRS 392.070

7331 STUDENT DRESS

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to insist that the dress and grooming of students are within the limits of generally accepted good taste. Students shall be required to show proper attention to personal cleanliness, neatness and conservative standards of dress and appearance.

Reviewed: June 30, 2005
Adopted: December 10, 1997
Revised:

NEPN/NSBA Classification: JICA
Legal Reference: NRS 392.458 & 392.4635

TITLE: 7331 - Student Dress

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND: To provide guidelines for student dress.

APPLICABILITY: All students

MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY: Site Administrator/Designee

OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE:

1. Community Standards

The NCSD reserves the right to insist that the dress and grooming of students are within the limits of generally accepted community standards and that students shall be required to show proper attention to personal cleanliness.

2. Educational Environment

Student's dress, personal appearance and conduct are required to be of such character as not to disrupt or detract from the educational environment of the school. Any style which tends to diminish instructional effectiveness or discipline control by teachers is not acceptable.

3. Responsibility

The school administration shall have the right to designate which types of dress, fashion, fads, or appearance disrupt or detract from the educational program and may be a potential safety hazard.

4. Information

Handbooks and/or newsletters prepared at each organizational level (elementary, junior high, or senior high) shall express uniformity on specific requirements and prohibitions. Each school will be responsible for in-service activities to acquaint students and staff with the enforcement procedures of these requirements. Notifications of dress code changes occurring during the school year shall be sent promptly to parents. Statements shall be included which:

- a. Require the wearing of neat and comfortable clothes that meet generally accepted community standards for school and school activities. Examples of appropriate clothing include dresses, skirts, dress slacks, jeans, walking shorts, sweaters, blazers, shirts and blouses.
- b. Require the wearing of comfortable, safe shoes with soles (i.e., dress shoes, sneakers and sandals with straps).

- c. Require that clothes are an appropriate length with shirts or blouses buttoned in accordance with the design of the article of clothing. Straps must be of adequate width to cover underclothing.
- d. Require that if shorts are worn, they must be hemmed, without fray and of modest length (i.e., walking shorts).
- e. Prohibit wearing transparent, see-through tops, bare midriff, strapless, revealing clothing, sweats with holes or frayed shorts, or tops and outfits that provide minimum coverage.
- f. Prohibit the wearing of headgear on campus except for designated school approved uniforms or at authorized athletic practices or activities.
- g. Prohibit clothing with controversial pictures or inappropriate advertisement, which might disrupt the educational setting.
- h. Prohibit jewelry that makes noise, has spikes or could pose a danger in a crowded setting.
- i. Prohibit clothing or other articles that may represent gang affiliation.

Students enrolled in a lab or shop class must follow any special clothing guidelines specified by the teacher. Students are expected to bring special clothes to wear during P.E. and must change out of P.E. clothes prior to attending other classes.

If the school has adopted a uniform, the wearing of the uniform represents automatic compliance with the school district's dress policy.

5. Special Occasions

The site administrator shall retain the authority to grant exceptions for special occasions and/or special conditions.

References: NRS 392.458 and 392.4635
Revisions: August 2003
Effective Date: December 10, 1997
NEPN/NSBA
Classification: JICA

7363

STUDENT USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES SUCH AS CELLULAR TELEPHONES OR PAGERS

The NCS D Board of Trustees considers bringing electronic communication devices such as cellular telephones or pagers to school or extra-curricular activities a privilege. However, use of cellular phones will be restricted to emergency use. At all other times, cell phones are to be kept out of sight in pockets, backpacks or lockers. This includes travel time on school buses to and from school on regular route runs unless permission is obtained from the bus driver.

Nye County School District will not be held responsible for theft, loss or damage to cell phones or other devices.

Reviewed: March 24, 2006

Adopted: July 22, 2003

Revised: May 12, 2006

NEPN/NSBA Classification: JICJ

Legal Reference: NRS 392.4637

TITLE: 7363 – Student Use of Electronic Communication Devices such as Cellular Telephones or Pagers

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND: To provide guidelines for the possession and use of such devices on school grounds

APPLICABILITY: All students

MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY: Site Administrator

OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE:

To ensure an environment conducive to learning, the following rules apply:

1. Students may keep a cellular telephone or similar electronic communication device in their vehicles at all times for use in the case of an emergency.
2. Students may bring cellular telephones, pagers or similar electronic communication devices to school and extra-curricular activities provided they only use the devices outside of scheduled class time, render the devices non-operational (i.e., unable to send or receive calls or text messaging), keep them out of sight during academic sessions, and obtain the permission of the bus driver or supervising adult prior to using the device while riding the school bus or participating in extra-curricular activities.
3. The school district strictly prohibits the possession and use of cellular phones, calculators, cameras, video cameras or any other electronic device that has the capability of taking, storing and transmitting pictures in the following areas:
 - a. Locker rooms
 - b. Restrooms
 - c. Any room where testing is being conducted regardless of the type of test.

Any violation of these provisions will result in the forfeiture of the communication device for the rest of the school year. The use of any type of communication device for cheating will result in disciplinary action. The use of a communication device to transmit or store pictures or data in prohibited areas **will** result in suspension, expulsion and/or legal action.

This policy will be included in the Student Behavior Handbook.

References: NRS 392.4637
Revisions:
Effective Date: August 10, 2005
NEPN/NSBA
Classification: JICJ

(a) To quell a disturbance that threatens physical injury to any person or the destruction of property;

(b) To obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object within a pupil's control;

(c) For the purpose of self-defense or the defense of another person; or

(d) To escort a disruptive pupil who refuses to go voluntarily with the proper authorities.

(Added to NRS by 1960, 60; A 1979, 1616; 1987, 1013; 1993, 2622)—
(Substituted in revision for NRS 392.465)

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NRS 392.4635 Policy for prohibition of activities of criminal gangs on school property.

1. The board of trustees of each school district may establish a policy that prohibits the activities of criminal gangs on school property. The policy may prohibit:

(a) A pupil from wearing any clothing or carrying any symbol on school property that denotes membership in or an affiliation with a criminal gang; and

(b) Any activity that encourages participation in a criminal gang or facilitates illegal acts of a criminal gang.

2. Each policy that prohibits the activities of criminal gangs on school property may provide for the suspension or expulsion of pupils who violate the policy.

3. As used in this section, "criminal gang" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 213.1263.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 1426)

NRS 392.4637 Policy concerning use and possession of pagers, cellular telephones and other electronic devices.

1. The board of trustees of each school district shall adopt a policy concerning the use and possession by pupils of a pager, cellular telephone or any other similar electronic device used for communication while on the premises of a public school or while at an activity sponsored by a public school.

2. The policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must:

(a) Prescribe appropriate measures for disciplining a pupil who violates the policy.

(b) Be included within each copy of the rules of behavior for pupils that the school district provides to pupils pursuant to NRS 392.463.

(Added to NRS by 2003, 493)

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