

**WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

Monday, August 1, 2022

9:30 AM

Waunakee Community School District  
905 Bethel Circle  
Waunakee, WI 53597

Members of the public may attend Board of Education meetings in-person, and will be asked to check in with District personnel when you arrive.

Public comments will be limited to 3 minutes. The Board will allow 30 Minutes for public comments.

Public comments may be sent to Rebecca McDonough at [district\\_administrator@waunakee.k12.wi.us](mailto:district_administrator@waunakee.k12.wi.us) up to one hour before the start of the Board meeting. All comments will be reviewed by the Board members. Emailed comments will be reviewed by the board but not read out loud. Emailed comments sent during any part of the board meeting (Board Development, Closed session, Open session) will be forwarded to the board but may or may not be reviewed by the board until after the board adjourns. Comments must include the commentator's name, address, and must identify their connection to the District (if any) and any group they are representing in order to be considered by the Board.

If you would like to address the Board in-person during the public comments section of the meeting, you will be greeted in the lobby of the building, asked to check in with District personnel when you arrive so that you can be recognized and address the Board when your name is called.

A recording of the meeting will be posted on the District webpage within 24 hours of the meeting time.

**AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. APPROVE AGENDA**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**V. POLICIES FOR DISCUSSION, REVIEW, AND CONSIDERATION**

A. Consider Policies 310 - 330

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Policies 310-330 are combined as one document and attached to the Extras section for your review.

These policies have been reviewed by staff from the WASB, district administration, and the Committee Chair. The administration will lead a discussion on each of the policies, and seeks the committee's feedback and consideration. Please see the attached spreadsheet.

**VI. FUTURE MEETINGS**

**VII. ADJOURN**

“Any person who has a qualifying disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act who requires assistance with access or materials should contact the Waunakee Community School District Office at 849-2000, 905 Bethel Circle Drive Waunakee, WI 53597, at least twenty-four hours prior to the commencement of the meeting so that necessary arrangements can be made to accommodate the request.”

Policy organizer template

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Proposed Code #	Title	Current policy code	WASB recommendation	WASB Comment (if any)	First Review (Curriculum/Admin) Comments	2nd Review (Policy Chair)
310	Instructional Goals	310	Review and update or repeal	310 Instructional goals is neither required by law or is a WASB checklist policy. The PRG does not offer a sample for 310. The policy was last revised in January 2002. WCSD should review the policy and determine if it needs revision or to be repealed.	Repeal	Repeal Where else is this located
none	Academic Freedom	311	Repeal	Consider repealing this policy, or at least replacing it with language that is more reflective of the K-12 setting. The notion of academic freedom has its origins primarily in higher education (postsecondary) settings. It has less utility and applicability in the K-12 context where the curriculum and instructional materials tend to be much more heavily proscribed, as is the nature of appropriate discussions with students.	Repeal	Repeal Make sure staff understand why removed

312	Academic Honesty	312	Review and update or repeal	<p>312 Academic Honesty is neither required by law or is a WASB checklist policy. The PRG does not offer a sample for 312. The policy was last updated August 2008.</p> <p>Policy 312 prescribes much that teachers will do, both in the first week of the school year and throughout the year. It also describes rules for conduct that are likely also covered in student handbooks. Administration should ascertain whether teachers are doing what is required of them, whether the student handbook or handbooks in the district align with the policy and whether the district is requiring that parents and students return the acknowledgement of the policy. The policy was last revised in 2008 and I think it likely that some aspects of how academic honesty is dealt with in practice has evolved to something inconsistent with the policy. That information will inform the board regarding whether the policy should be revised, repealed or kept as is.</p>	Repeal - Part of student handbook	Repeal Confirm it is part of K6 & 7-12 handbooks
321	School Year/Calendar	321	Replace with PRG 321 Sample 2	Eliminate 180 day requirement and references to collective bargaining.	Replace w/PRG 321 Sample 2 add September in month field.	Replace w/PRG 321 Sample 2 add September in month field.

321.1	Wednesday Evening and Sunday Activities	321.1	Review and keep, amend or repeal	321.1 Wednesday Evening and Sunday Activities is neither required by law or is a WASB checklist policy. The PRG does not offer a sample for 321.1. The policy was last updated July 2002. Keep/amend/repeal is a local policy decision. Determine whether policy is currently followed including obtaining superintendent approval.	Review/Keep	Review/Keep
(none)	School Day	322	Replace with PRG 321 Sample 2	School day and hours now covered by policy 321.	Repeal	Repeal
323.1	Special Observance Days	323	Replace with PRG 323.1 Sample 1	WASB does not recommend listing the statutory special observance days in a board policy, as they are subject to change. If a district desires to maintain a list for ease of reference and planning, consider maintaining the list as a rule or exhibit that is under administrative authority and that can be easily modified as needed	Replace/PRG 323.1 Sample1	Replace/PRG 323.1 Sample1

	Holidays and Religious Observances	323.2	Review and consider whether content should be included in other policies, see comments.	<p>This policy is a combination of matters normally covered by policy 381.1 Teaching about religion, 411 Equal Educational Opportunity and 430 School Attendance. The intro and paragraphs numbered 1 through 7 might be combined with policy 381.1. Paragraph 8 defines how the district will grant students excused absences for religious holidays - that is material also covered in 430, school attendance, particularly rule 2, which describes what absences are excused. Paragraph 8 also describes other forms of accommodations of sincerely held religious beliefs such as the rescheduling of exams and assignment deadlines.</p> <p>One option would be to combine all of the material in 323.2 except paragraph 8 with your current 381.1. Paragraph 8 might be incorporated into 430 Rule 2. Another option would be to maintain 323.2 and cross reference 323.2, 381.2 and 430 Rule 2. Since rules typically do not include cross references you might consider adding something to the religious holidays reference in 430 rule 2 that directs readers back to 323.2 paragraph 8. Since there are accommodations described in paragraph 8 that go beyond the excusing of absences, I favor maintaining 323.2 as a separate policy, at least with regard to paragraph 8.</p> <p>Note that the PRG does not include a sample for 381.1.</p>	Review/Keep and add Cross references	Review/Keep and add Cross references Recently discussed and updated
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323.3	National Anthem/Pledge of Allegiance/Flag Display	323.3	Review and keep, amend or repeal	This policy describes the requirements of section 118.06 Wis. Stat. The policy is not required by law and is not a WASB checklist policy. The PRG does not include a sample for 323.3. The policy has not been revised in 20 years, but there is likely no need for revision.	Keep Flag policy consideration	Review and Keep and consider during review of flag policy
330	Curriculum Adoption	330	Replace with PRG 330 Sample 1	PRG 330 sample 1 includes curriculum plan requirements found in PI 8. It also addresses administrative authority to implement changes in curriculum without first seeking board approval. I highlighted one section of text that might be deleted or modified per local policy choices.	Keep. Current policy works best with current operations	Review and Keep A deeper discussion with Curriculum required.