

# Board of Education Hearing - Parent Involvement

Monday, July 8, 2024 8:00 PM

Board Room, 1301 Centennial Avenue, Utica, NE 68456-0187

Mark Avery: Present  
Bryce Borchers: Present  
Doug Cast: Present  
Lana Hoffschneider: Present  
Jason Richters: Present  
Derek Tomes: Present

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER	<b>Speaker (s) :</b> CHR. RICHTERS
1.1. Reading of Public Meeting Notice	<b>Speaker (s) :</b> CHR. RICHTERS
1.2. Open Meetings Act	<b>Speaker (s) :</b> CHR. RICHTERS
1.3. Roll Call	<b>Speaker (s) :</b> CHR. RICHTERS
2. PARENT AND GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION PRACTICES POLICY REVIEW	
3. INVITE AND CONSIDER ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS THAT WOULD LEAD TO AN IMPROVED POLICY	
4. ADJOURN	
<b>Action(s) :</b> Motion to adjourn at 8:07 pm. This motion, made by Lana Hoffschneider and seconded by Derek Tomes, Passed.	
<b>Voting Detail:</b>	
Mark Avery:	Yea
Bryce Borchers:	Yea
Doug Cast:	Yea
Lana Hoffschneider:	Yea
Jason Richters:	Yea
Derek Tomes:	Yea
<b>Voting Summary:</b> Yea: 6, Nay: 0	

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Board Secretary

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SPECIAL HEARING  
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held July 8, 2024 at 8:00p.m. in the Board of Education room at Centennial Public School. The purpose is to hear public comments and suggestions for improvement to the Parent Involvement Policy #5018. Upon review, the Board of Education will alter or reaffirm the policy during the regular meeting on July 8, 2024.

By: Bryce Borchers,  
Secretary  
Centennial Board of  
Education  
June 26, 2024 ZNEZ

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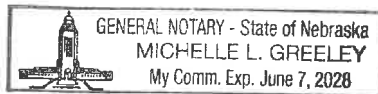
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Notary Public



## **5018**

### **Parent and Guardian Involvement In Educational Practices**

The school district recognizes the importance of parental and guardian involvement in the education of their children. The school district will take the following steps to ensure that the rights of parents and guardians to participate in the education of their children are preserved.

1. Parents/Guardians will be provided access, as described in district procedures, to district-approved textbooks and other curricular materials and tests used in the district upon request.
  - a. A parental request to review specific approved textbooks and other district- or building-approved curricular materials (written, visual, and audio) should be made to the principal of the building where the textbooks and curriculum materials are used.
  - b. Parents may check out textbooks and may review curricular materials such as video and audio recordings within a time frame determined by the building principal to prevent disruption of the instructional process.
  - c. A parental request to review specific standardized and criterion referenced tests used in the district should be made in writing to the building principal. Copies of the most recent tests used in the district will be available for parent review. Parents wishing to review statewide NSCAS assessments will be provided with sample questions and a copy of a practice test, but will not be provided with copies of the actual assessment due to testing security. In the case of other secure tests such as the ACT, parents must contact the publisher to obtain copies of the test.
  
2. Parents/Guardians will be permitted, within district procedures, to attend and observe courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities.
  - a. Parents/guardians are invited to make appointments with the building principal to visit classes, assemblies and other instructional activities. The principal shall give permission after determining that parental/guardian observation would not disrupt the activity. Observations that last more than 60 minutes or occur on consecutive days are typically disruptive and will not be permitted absent unusual circumstances, in the sole discretion of the building principal.
  - b. Parents/guardians may contact the building principal to request

permission to attend counseling sessions in which their child is involved.

3. Parents/guardians will be permitted, within district procedures, to ask that their children be excused from school experiences that parents find objectionable.
  - a. Building principals may excuse a student from any single school experience at the parent's written request.
  - b. When appropriate, alternative experiences will be provided for the student by the school.
4. Parents/guardians will be informed through the student handbook and district policies of the manner that the district will provide access to records of students.
5. Parents/guardians will be informed of the standardized and criterion referenced district testing program. Parents may request additional information from the building principal.
6. Parents/guardians will be informed of the circumstances under which they may opt-out of state and federal assessments.
  - a. In accordance with federal law, at the beginning of the school year, the District shall provide notice of the right to request a copy of this policy to parents/guardians of students attending schools receiving Title I funds. The District will provide a copy of this policy to a requesting parent in a timely manner.
  - b. State Assessments

State and federal law simultaneously require students to take state assessments, with few exceptions, but also permit parents or guardians to request to opt their students out of these assessments. Approval of opt out requests is contrary to mandatory testing laws, so the District cannot "approve" the request. Parents who do not present their child for testing will result in the child receiving the lowest score possible on the assessment.
  - c. National Assessment of Educational Progress

As a condition of receiving federal funds, the District participates in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). To help ensure that the District has a representative sample of students taking the NAEP, which will allow the District to assess the quality and effectiveness of its programming on a national level, the District strongly encourages all eligible students to participate. However, student participation in NAEP is voluntary.

The District shall provide parents/guardians of eligible students with reasonable notice prior to the exam being administered. Parents/guardians wishing to opt their students out of the NAEP assessment must notify the district in writing at least three days prior to the exam date to ensure that the District can coordinate supervision and alternative activities for students who have opted out.

7. Parents/guardians will be notified of their right to remove their children from surveys prior to district participation in surveys.
  - a. The principal must approve all surveys intended to gather information from students before they are administered to students.
  - b. Students' participation in surveys is voluntary. Parents/guardians may restrict their child from participating in any survey.

Adopted on: \_\_\_7/10/2017\_\_\_\_\_

Revised on: \_\_\_4/11/2022\_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed on: \_\_\_8/14/2023, 3/7/2024\_\_\_