

UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Education Center, 2229 E. Buck Road, Pennsburg PA 18073

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2023

Chair: Peg Pennepacker

Ex-Officio: Melanie Cunningham, President

Members:

Keith McCarrick
Emily McCormick

Assistant Superintendent-Dr. Andrea Farina
Business Manager-Dan Direso
Human Resources Director-Georgiann Fisher

Approval of January 17, 2023 minutes.

Policy 626: Federal Fiscal Compliance Procurement- PA School Code requires public school entities to obtain competitive bids and price quotations. The amounts reported in the most recent Bulletin have increased for the new calendar year: the amount for purchases subject to public bid is \$22,500 and the amount for purchases subject to written or telephonic price quotation is \$12,200. Effective January 1, 2023, school entities should review their policies, administrative regulations and procedures for purchasing and procurement and update documentation as necessary to reflect the new amounts.

Policy 610: Purchases Subject to Bid and Policy 611: Purchases Budgeted- recommended for audit purposes along with Policy 626 and Procurement. First read at March Board Meeting.

Policy 200 and 200 AR: Enrollment Classification- Removed language regarding transportation of and tuition for non-resident students as this is addressed in Policy 202. First read at March Board Meeting.

Policy 202 and 202 AR: Eligibility of Non-Residents- language under the Prospective Residents and Former Residents section to be reviewed and aligned with current district practice. 202 AR to be rescinded. First read at March Board Meeting.

Policy 204 and 204 AR: Attendance- policy revised and language added based on requirements under Act 138 of 2016, School Code and Chapter 11 regulations. First read at March Board Meeting.

Policy 217: Graduation-revised current policy and created new AR. First read at March Board Meeting.

Policy 251: Homeless students- language revised in Authority and added language on no student being discriminated against, segregated, or stigmatized based on their homeless status, in accordance with law. Definitions of enroll or enrollment, unaccompanied youth, homeless children and youths and school of origin for clarity and in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Recommended language added regarding compliance with PA's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program. Language added on enrollment/placement, education records, comparable services, transportation, and training in accordance with law.

Policy 255: Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care-policy to be rescinded, adopting Policy 251, which incorporates the applicable language. First read at March Board Meeting.

Policy 709: Building Security- Current policy revised in 2019 to reflect the role of the School Safety and Security Coordinator and responsibility of the Superintendent for designating authorized access to school buildings and facilities. New language was added regarding single entry point to school buildings after the start of the school day. Language was incorporated to clarify recommendations for controlled process for screening visitors and other authorized individuals. Removed language that designated individuals authorized with unlimited access or limited access to buildings. Removed language regarding possession of keys (duplication prohibited, surrender keys when no longer needed, report a lost key, overnight key loans, unauthorized use of keys).

Policy 115: Career and Technical Education; Policy 137 and 137.1 AR: Home Education Programs; Policy 122 and 122 AR: Extracurricular Participation-With the passage of Act 55, policies 115 and 137 will require revision. The committee will wait for a model PSBA policy prior to making any changes. The committee is discussing Policy 122/122AR and any revisions will be aligned with PSBA policies for 115 and 137.

Next Meeting is March 27, 2023.

