



Dallastown Area School District

8/4/26 Policy Committee Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 ▪ 6:30 PM

AD Board Room, 700 New School Lane, Dallastown, PA 17313

1. **ROLL CALL / WELCOME - Mr. Pierce**

Mr. Eric Pierce, Policy Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Attendees:

Committee Members

Dina M. Aubel, Albert C. Granholm, and Eric R. Pierce

Ex Officio Member, Anthony J. Pantano

Board Members

Wesley J. Anderson, Matthew C. Charvat, James M. Cohn (via Zoom), Karl E. Dotterweich, and Scott A. Wingard

Administration

Dr. Joshua Doll (Superintendent), Dr. Erin Heffler (Assistant Superintendent)

Secretaries

Lisa Little (Board Secretary) and Heidi Beck (Assistant Board Secretary)

Other Attendees

Administration, faculty, and other guests as noted on this linked [Attendance Sheet](#).

2. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - Mr. Pierce**

There were no public comments.

3. **POLICIES FOR DISCUSSION - Dr. Heffler / Mr. Pierce**

Mr. Pierce turned the meeting over to Dr. Heffler to review the questions from the Policy Committee members. Dr. Heffler outlined the packet, noting the policy revisions, pre-submitted questions, and outcomes:

Policy 221 Dress and Appearance

- Revision: Updated phrasing from "Instructed to demonstrate" to "expected to demonstrate" (Page 10)

Policy 236.1 Threat Assessment

- Purpose: Clarified title text to explicitly reference the "DASD Board of School Directors."

(Page 11)

- Definitions: Removed the definition of "bias" since it is not defined or required by statute in this section. (Page 11) Added reference to Policy 113 for defining "Student With Disability." (Page 17)
- Training & Guidelines: Reordered training topics to list suicide prevention at the top of list. (Page 13)

Policy 716 (Integrated Pest Management)

- Clarification: Reviewed definition of "cultural" in context of the policy (referring to agricultural/growing condition management, not sociological context). Confirmed student education requirements are met through K-12 STEELS environmental science standards. Retained as written; no changes required. (Page 29)

Policy 810 (Transportation)

- Revision: Struck "grades kindergarten through 12" to ensure transportation coverage applies to all actively enrolled, eligible students, including special education students in post-12th-grade transition programs (REACH/NEXT). (Page 32)
- Revision: In the 3rd paragraph, corrected the word "detracted" to "distracted." (Page 34)

Policy 807-AR-0 (Administrative Regulation - Flag Display)

- Revision: Under #2, updated phrasing from "lit if left up after sunset" to "if properly lit, may be displayed after sunset." (Page 44)

After the policy packet was reviewed, Mr. Pierce led a discussion regarding whether the public display of instructional materials on the Atlas Rubicon curriculum portal aligns with parental review rights under the Pennsylvania School Code (Title 22, Section 4.4) and district expectations.

Essential Question

Mr. Pierce raised concerns after reviewing the district's public Atlas portal and noticing inconsistencies across subjects:

- Some courses thoroughly inventory textbooks, reading lists, and video materials.
- Other courses list minimal information or no instructional resources at all.

Discussion Points

- Legal Compliance:
 - Administration (Dr. Heffler) clarified that district policy fully complies with state law. The Pennsylvania School Code requires school districts to grant parents access to inspect materials upon request (e.g., in person or via formal inquiry), which DASD routinely provides.
 - The forward-facing Atlas portal goes beyond legal mandates to offer public access. Certain materials cannot easily be posted.
- Quality Control:
 - Committee members discussed the balance between parental access and staff workload. While board members agreed that parents benefit from clear visibility into core course materials, several members cautioned against creating unnecessary

- tasks for teachers that could take time away from instruction.
- Clarification was made that the intent is not to alter curriculum or micromanage daily lesson plans, but to ensure basic consistency across courses so parents do not come across empty course pages.

Consensus & Next Steps

1. Compliance Verified: The Policy Committee agreed that existing district policies meet all statutory requirements under state law.
2. Direct Reporting for Quality Control: Rather than mandating a system-wide overhaul, board members agreed to email specific examples of incomplete or blank course entries directly to administration (Dr. Heffler and Dr. Doll) for review.
3. Internal Review Cycles: Administration will address portal inconsistencies through their standard, ongoing internal curriculum review cycles led by academic directors (Dr. Fletcher and Mrs. McCauley).
4. Future Goal Discussions: If board members wish to establish formal, district-wide standards for public syllabus displays, the topic will be submitted for consideration during annual Board/Superintendent goal-setting sessions in April.

Attachment: Policy Packet for Review

4. NEXT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - Mr. Pierce

The next policy committee meeting will be Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Administration Board Room.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - Mr. Pierce

During public comment, both Jennifer Rogers and Kristin Gaynor thanked the Committee and both agreed their questions were answered.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi A. Beck
Assistant School Board Secretary