Superintendent's Report Rye School Board Meeting Wednesday, April 17, 2024 5:30 PM



Expected Votes at this Meeting

In addition to the minutes, manifests, and any transfers, you have three policies to approve for second reading and two to approve for first reading.

SAU 50 Sensation

Please find the most recent edition of the SAU 50 Sensation here.

Proposed Policies

Draft policies are in your drive. Policy FA and policy FAA both have to do with facilities and planning. They are recommended policies by NHSBA that we do not have and match our current practice. Policy IKL is also a new policy to us and recommended by NHSBA. This policy was updated by NHSBA to include language relating to the use of AI. The policy committee recommends passage of second reading.

Policy DFGA (Crowdfunding) and Policy KCD (Gifts and Donations) are both financial policies that have been updated based on NHSBA recommendations and the Policy Committee recommends them for first reading.

Food Service Program RFP

The RFP is out for the options of potentially outsourcing the Food Service Program in Rye. We would be happy to have any bidders come to your May meeting to discuss their proposal. In this meeting it would be helpful to have a discussion on what other information you would like to be presented to inform a decision to outsource or retain the current program. We would be happy to prepare that for your May meeting as well.

Professional Growth Committee Update

The PGC met last week to debrief the feedback from the March 12th PD day and to discuss PD plans and strategies for next year. There was strong interest in continuing to get staff together across districts to work on common goals. Writing was discussed as a possible united focus, although the committee wanted to leave room for the new Assistant Superintendent to be included in any future planning. The committee also discussed expanding offerings such as we had on March 12th into opportunities for in-house after school course offerings for staff. These offerings would allow for deeper and more continuous work for staff across schools.

SAU 50/52 Collaboration

Teachers from Rye, Greenland and Portsmouth met with the representatives of the PHS Social Studies Department on March 29th to discuss alignment of Social Studies from the three sending schools to PHS. There was productive discussion about essential topics and skills expected of every 8th grader coming into PHS in 9th grade, while still allowing for some flexibility in models of instruction in each school. There was a good cross pollination of ideas that will help enrich the programming in each school.

Assistant Superintendent Search Update

There has been a very inclusive process in vetting the three finalists for Assistant Superintendent. The general theme of the feedback has been that we are very fortunate to have three incredibly skilled and qualified finalists. An announcement of the chosen candidate will be made this week.

Rye School Board 2023-2024 Meeting Dates

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 5:30 PM at Rye Junior High School Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 5:30 PM at Rye Junior High School

SAU 50 Joint Board Meeting Dates

May 22, 2024, 6:30 PM at New Castle (MHT)