



# PELICAN RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOL – ISD 548

## PRHS Conference Room

### School Board Agenda

#### **District Priorities:**

Community Engagement  
Educate the Whole Child  
Increase Student Enrollment  
Sound and Transparent Financial Practices

#### **School Board:**

Jon Karger, Chairperson  
Anne Peterson, Vice-Chair  
Brenda Olson, Clerk  
Staci Allmaras, Director  
Greg Larson, Director  
Molly Welch, Director

#### **Administration:**

Brian Korf, Supt  
Derrick Nelson, Elem Principal/AD  
Laura Januszewski, H.S. Principal  
Rudy Martinez, Finance Director

October 11, 2023 - 6:00-7:15pm

## Policy Committee Meeting to discuss policy updates.

### 1. First and second reading at October meeting

#### **Policy 422: Policies Incorporated by Reference**

The purpose of this policy is to avoid undue duplication of policies.

*(Removal of policies no longer in effect of this. Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes.)*

#### **Policy 424: License Status**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that qualified teachers are employed by the school district and to fulfill its duty to ascertain the licensure status of its teachers.

*(Addition of part II, D in regards to reporting requirements to PELSB.)*

#### **Policy 513: Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to professional staff, parents, and students regarding student promotion, retention, and program design.

*(Addition of part C, 2. Addition of statutes)*

#### **Policy 601: School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals**

The purpose of this policy is to establish broad curriculum parameters for the school district that encompass the Minnesota Academic Standards and federal law and are aligned with creating the world's best workforce.

*(Added definitions of terminology. Change/update of district site and school site goals to match state statutes.)*

#### **Policy 602: Organization of School Calendar and School Day**

The purpose of this policy is to provide for a timely determination of the school calendar and school day.

*(Updated to match current policy as well as MSBA updates of spelled out references/statutes. Specifications regarding e-learning day plan and pay.)*

#### **Policy 603: Curriculum Development**

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction for continuous review and improvement of the school curriculum.

*(Updated to align with other policies, new policy 621, current policy, as well as MSBA updates. Minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes.)*

#### **Policy 604: Instructional Curriculum**

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the development of course offerings for students.

*(Addition of Required Academic Standards & Parental Curriculum Review by MSBA. Removal of Civics Test portion. Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)*

#### **Policy 605: Alternative Educational Services**

The purpose of this policy is to recognize the need for alternative educational services for some school district students.

*(Addition of verbiage regarding responsibility of student by MSBA. Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)*

#### **Policy 607: Organization of Grade Levels**

The purpose of this policy is to address the grade level organization of schools within the school district.

*(Updated to match current policy. Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)*

**Policy 608: Instructional Services - Special Education**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the position of the school board on the need to provide special educational services to some students in the school district.

*(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)*

**Policy 609: Religion**

The purpose of this policy is to identify the status of religion as it pertains to the programs of the school district.

*(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)*

**Policy 610: Field Trips**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for student trips and to identify the general process to be followed for review and approval of trip requests.

*(Addition of parts D & E in III: Regulations, spelling out of references/statutes)*

**Policy 611: Home Schooling**

The purpose of this policy is to recognize and provide guidelines in accordance with state law for parents who wish to have their children receive education in a home school that is an alternative to an accredited public or private school.

*(Updated to match current policy. Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)*

**Policy 612.1: Development of Parent and Family Engagement Policies for Title I Programs**

The purpose of this policy is to encourage and facilitate involvement by parents of students participating in Title I in the educational programs and experiences of students.

*(No Changes)*

**Policy 613: Graduation Requirements**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth requirements for graduation from the school district.

*(Updated to match current policy. MSBA removal of old dates, addition of "required standards" and part 6 of Credit Equivalencies)*

**Policy 613.1: Graduation Requirements and Honors for Home Schooled, Foreign Exchange & Transfer Students**

*(No Changes)*

**Policy 614: School District Testing Plan and Procedure**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the school district's testing plan and procedure.

*(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)*

**Policy 615: Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students**

The purpose of the policy is to provide adequate opportunity for students identified as having individualized education program (IEP), Rehabilitation Act of 1973, § 504 accommodation plan (504 plan), or English Learner (EL) needs to participate in statewide assessment systems designed to hold schools accountable for the academic performance of all students.

*(Very minimal updates to references/statutes)*

**Policy 616: School District System Accountability**

The purpose of this policy is to focus public education strategies on a process that promotes higher academic achievement for all students and ensures broad-based community participation in decisions regarding the implementation of the Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards and federal law.

*(Updated to align with other policies,, current policy, as well as MSBA updates. Minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes.)*

**Policy 618: Assessment of Student Achievement**

The purpose of this policy is to institute a process for the establishment and revision of assessments to measure achievement toward meeting the Minnesota Academic Standards, track academic progress over time, and provide Minnesota graduates information related to career and college readiness.

*(Updated definitions to match current policy & MSBA recommendations. Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)*

**Policy 619: Staff Development for Standards**

The purpose of this policy is to establish opportunities for staff development which advance the staff's ability to work effectively with the Graduation Assessment Requirements and with students as they progress to achievement of those Graduation Assessment Requirements and meet the requirements of federal law.

*(Updated to match current policy. Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)*

**Policy 620: Credit for Learning**

This policy recognizes student achievement that occurs in postsecondary enrollment option and other advanced enrichment programs.

*(Updated to match current policy & MSBA recommendations in regards to definitions, removal of "credit from online learning courses" and addition of "Credit for Employment with Health Care Providers." Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)*

## 2. First Reading at October Meeting & Second Reading at November Meeting

### **Policy 425: Staff Development and Mentoring**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a staff development program and structure to carry out planning and reporting on staff development that supports improved student learning.

*(Addition of "and Mentoring" to the title of the policy and info relevant to teacher mentor programming and funding. Addition of part VII. "District Development Committee & Building Professional Development Teams". Updates and spelling out of references and statutes.)*

### **Policy 534: School Meals Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students receive healthy and nutritious meals through the school district's nutrition program and that the school district employees, families, and students have a shared understanding of expectations regarding meal charges.

*(NEW)*

### **Policy 621: Literacy and Read Acts**

The purpose of this policy is to align with Minnesota law established in the Read Act and on other topics related to reading.

*(NEW)*

### **Policy 624: Online Learning**

The purpose of this policy is to recognize and govern online instruction options of students enrolled in the school district for purposes of compulsory attendance and address enrollment of students with an online instruction site for supplemental or full-time online learning.

*(New - replacement of old 624: Online Learning Options. MSBA recommends to update to match statutes)*

## 3. Removal of Policy

### **Policy 617: School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all locally adopted preparatory and high school content standards of the Profile of Learning are addressed directly in both curriculum and assessment for all students, including those with special needs.

*(With the repeal of the Profile of Learning, school districts are no longer required to comply with the procedures set forth in this policy.)*