

BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

6:30 pm

Keyes Distance Learning Lab

Present: Vaughn Mester, Lauren Runde, Laura Bahr, Brandon Wiese, Dana Bendorf, & Beau Buchs

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Review Required Policy Changes

a) 2264 Title IX – Mr. Buchs explained that the updated Title IX policy is a mandated policy that will begin on August 1st, 2024. Mr. Buchs did report that 25 states have appealed the policy but Wisconsin is not one of them. Mr. Buchs also shared that the Moms of Liberty have filed an injunction to the policy in Wisconsin as well but the court has not ruled on the policy yet.

Mr. Buchs shared the main points that are changed from old policy #2266 and new policy #2264.

- Policy used to cover students but now covers staff and students.
- There is now a wider definition of discrimination and the definition of gender has changed.
- Cyberbullying is now covered 365 days a year and 24/7
- Out of school events need to be addressed by the school if reported.
- Reporting can be verbal now. A complaint in the past needed to be put in writing.
- WIAA still sets the policy on gender specific sports and currently only allows participation in the gender at birth.
- Staff will need to be trained on new policy as required.

Mr. Buchs shared that there is a lot of contention to the new policy but as of now, it is required to be in place on August 1st, 2024. Mr. Buchs shared that he will provide the board of education updates should this change.

III. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm. Laura motioned, Vaughn seconded. Motion carried 3-0.