

Policy/Governance Committee Meeting Notes – 2/17/26

The Policy/Governance Committee Meeting of the NDMA board at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, 2026 in the NDMA conference room

Present: Shari Colvin, Kirsten Kinzler, Tim Dezelske

Agenda:

I. Policies revised

The committee will submit the following policies to the full board for revision – 503P – Attendance Policy – added under definitions “Presumptions regarding truancy or educational neglect” and “Tardy,” deleted the section that referred to 18 absences or more and replaced it with wording from Minnesota State Statutes, section 120A.22, Subdivision 6, and added under Unexcused Absences, In the event that a student is absent due to illness for more than 10 (nonconsecutive) days in a single school year, the school reserves the right to require a doctor’s note dated to correspond with each absence in order for further absences to be excused. The changes should assist when working with families and their counties of residence.

Regular review cycle policies for this month: 605P - Dress Code, 701.1P - School District Budget and 701.2P - Fund Balance.

II. Basic Budgeting Bytes

The board will continue to go through “Basic Budgeting Bytes” as part of our ongoing board training.

III. Board Self Evaluation

Board members will be given the board self-evaluation instrument we received from our authorizer. The board will compile and discuss current strengths and goals to become a more effect governing body for the school.

IV. Next Meeting – March 17, 2026 – immediately following the Finance Committee Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Colvin