



Next Meetings:

The next Board meeting is:

- Regular Meeting,
Monday, 9/21, 7 p.m.
Brownell MPR
- Policy Meeting,
Thursday, 9/22, 6 p.m.
Administration Building
- Regular Meeting,
Monday, 9/28, 7 p.m.
Brownell MPR

You can watch regular board meetings livestreamed or archived at <http://new.livestream.com/ac-counts/3685210> on Comcast channel 20/902 or AT&T channel 99. The July meeting was not videotaped but audio will be available online.

Mark Your Calendar:

- First day of school 9/8!
- North-South game is 9/25
5-7 p.m. tailgate, 7 p.m.
game time
- Invite a friend to the
GPPSS Open House 11/15
from 1-3 p.m.

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Board Briefs

August 2015

August Superintendent reports

August's Superintendent report held many presentations. Brownell and Parcells staff presented on the National Model for School Counseling Program. All but one of our schools was removed from Focus Schools status; the last one was not yet up for review in the 3-year process but is making great progress, bringing all learners up. South's Solar Car team shared their success in this summer's race and outlined their \$35,000 fundraising needs to participate in next year's race (Dallas to Minneapolis). Dr. Niehaus requested that comments from GPEA President Laura Mikesell be moved up from public comments on non-action items, to the top of the agenda so more could hear the good news items she shares.

Policy committee hard at work

The Board unanimously approved removal of Policy 9210 Parent Organizations, replacing it with approval of 9211 District Support Organizations. The Policy committee also presented three policies for first reading:

- 5610 Emergency Removal, Temporary Separation, Suspension and Expulsion;
- 5610.01 Permanent Expulsion
- 5611 Due Process Rights

These policies tie directly into the Student Code of Conduct (an administrative guideline) that is being updated this fall.

Superintendent goals tabled until September

In a 7-0 vote, the Board approved tabling the Superintendent Goals so they have more time to review the related instrument used to evaluate Dr. Niehaus.

Crisis and Emergency Planning proposal approved

The Board unanimously approved entering into a crisis and emergency planning process led by Compliance One. It is anticipated this will take 10-12 weeks. It will include extensive onsite studies, professional development, and collaboration with all of the local municipalities. Updated crisis materials will also be developed and distributed. The presentation was made 8/17 if you want to watch the livestream, and the vote occurred 8/24.

Board approves Human Resources report and minutes

The board unanimously approved the human resources report and the minutes from July 27 (5-0, with Mrs. Pangborn abstaining) and August 17 (7-0).

Board approves field trip for Spanish and AP students

The board approved the North/South trip to Costa Rica in February, 2016.

Action items for September

Because of declining enrollment, tax rates will not go up, so no truth in taxation hearing is needed. The policies discussed above (5610, 5610.01, 5611) will be voted upon. Monthly reports on finances, health care, and enrollment continue.