

Bloomsburg Area School District

January 20, 2025 | Policy & Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

Call to Order: 5:32pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Panel Attendees:

Stephanie Andreacci, Amanda Orzolek, Josh Klingerman, Jonathan Cleaver, John Jones

Public Attendees:

Andrea Landis, Amy Melchiorre, Michelle Prybyla, Gary Honabach, Sam Bidleman, Phil Burrell

Public Comment Related to Agenda Items: None

Old Business:

1. Grading Scale

- a. Elementary 90-100 A - already happens within the new Sapphire program
- b. New grading scale would match up better with college courses
- c. Other local districts have this same grading scale that is being proposed
- d. 90-94.99% Honors, 95+ High Honors, 65 and lower passing
- e. 90+ A, 80-89 B, 70-79 C, 65-69 D, 64 and lower Failing
- f. We currently have standards higher than PIAA
- g. Discussed implementing a warning week for athletic policy suggestion
- h. New model would provide more opportunities to students at the failing level to bring their grades up. It also would provide more opportunities for students who are succeeding to get the credit they deserve.
- i. Amy brought teacher remarks to our board to review today.**
- j. Discussion was had both options
- k. 46 students failed 1 or more classes - if changed - 9 students wouldn't have failed
- l. Discussion to implement study habits and additional support as well in high schools futures class

Decision was made to send to board for discussion of honor roll changes

- **Andrea to bring back feedback from the kids who are failing**

- 2. Dual Enrollment** - Mr Cleaver had meetings for tuition reimbursement for payment options. Increased hold amount for our students. Quick turnaround for requests for additional funding. Parents pay if they don't get a C or better. Parents do not pay until the end of course.

3. Policy Review -

- a. **815.2 Artificial Intelligence** - Policy is in the Draft Stage
Sam Bidleman presented ideas on AI implementation in the district
Planned Upcoming Training Sessions - Phil Burrell
 - i. Elementary & Middle School - initial training
 - 1. Was going to train focusing on 'What is AI'
 - a. Teaching 'School AI' tool
 - 2. Future - more specifics for teachers at their levels
 - ii. HS - next step training
 - 1. Magic AI, School AI - tools
 - 2. 'What Makes a Good Prompt?'
 - 3. Future - Training for teachers on good prompt writing
 - iii. Students Training
 - 1. Magic AI, School AI - tools
 - 2. 'What Makes a Good Prompt?'
 - 3. How to cite AI
 - 4. What tools are available to them
 - 5. When it is appropriate to use AI
 - iv. Parent Information Session

New Business:

1. **Bloomsburg Athletic Eligibility** - Discussion was had regarding the student handbook that a change should be made regarding academic eligibility reports and when they are requested.
 - a. Discussion to adopt PIAA Standards
 - b. First report request to be changed until after Fair week - 80% of schools in PIAA do not have our stringent policy in place.
 - c. This should be consistent for all clubs and extracurriculars and should be consistent with PIAA
 - d. Amy suggested a warning report to be run and to have a warning system in place - a 'warning week'.
 - e. This is just a change to the handbook so we can take it back to the board.
 - f. **Recommend to the board to follow the PIAA guidelines for all clubs and extracurriculars. Requested a draft to be put together for go to the board for review.**
2. **Lackawanna College Agreement** - Andrea presented an opportunity for cyber security agreement. Payment would work the same as Luzerne.

Other Items for the Good of the Order:

Additional Items to Discuss at Next Meeting:

Additional policy review for next meeting:

- a. Promotion, Acceleration & Retention
- b. Student Device Responsible Use

History Credit Requirement

Math Textbooks

Adjournment of Meeting: 6:56pm

Motion: Stephanie

Second: Amanda

Next Meeting: February 13, 2025 at 6pm