



Seymour Board of Education
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
August 3, 2026
Seymour Middle School
6:00 pm

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DATE: 8/4/26
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Committee Members Present: Lori Nespoli
Jim Garofolo

Committee Members Absent: Chris Champagne

Others in Attendance: Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent
Shannon Levey, Board Clerk
Kristen Harmeling

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance – Ms. Nespoli called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment provides the opportunity for the public to make a comment. It is not a dialogue between the Board and the public. Based upon what is heard during Public Comment, the Board may choose to add a topic to the agenda. If questions are posed that the Chairperson is able to answer, those questions may be addressed under the Chairperson's Comments portion of the agenda. The Board will not discuss personnel matters. Comments should be respectful and no longer than 3 minutes in length so that all who wish to comment may have the opportunity to do so. All the public wanting to comment will need to state their name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.

- Public Comment called three times, no comment.

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. CABE Quarterly Policy Update #3 - Review

1. Dr. Compton noted that several of the policies included in the CABE Quarterly Policy Update have already been reviewed and updated by both the Policy Committee and the full Board of Education. She explained that the committee will continue reviewing the remaining policies to determine which require revisions. Dr. Compton asked committee members to carefully review the entire policy packet, with particular attention to the final page titled "Policy Update Summary," which identifies the policies requiring review.
2. Mr. Garofolo asked what pre-kindergarten assessments are administered to evaluate children's readiness for kindergarten. Dr. Compton explained that the assessments provide valuable developmental data to determine whether a child is developmentally prepared for kindergarten. She noted that reviewing preschool assessment data is beneficial. She referenced recently passed legislation establishing September 1 as the kindergarten entry cutoff date.
3. Mr. Garofolo inquired about attendance patterns among students enrolled in the district's preschool program and whether they attend consistently. Dr. Compton stated that she would like to provide the Board with an annual preschool program update, including attendance data.



She also noted the district's preschool program has expanded from two classrooms when she first arrived to four classrooms today.

4. Ms. Nespoli expressed interest in reviewing comparative data showing the performance of students who participated in the district's preschool program versus those who did not.
5. Dr. Compton emphasized that many people are unaware that the preschool program is a mandated service designed to support eligible children.
6. Mr. Garofolo also asked whether language differences present challenges for students entering preschool. Dr. Compton responded that many preschool students come from the Chatfield area of town and suggested the district could examine data regarding how many preschool students enter the program with a primary language other than English.
7. Dr. Compton concluded by noting that she anticipates Seymour may eventually implement universal preschool. She added that, with the new school construction project, the district will have facilities capable of housing preschool programs at both elementary schools.

B. CABE Policy Updates for 2026-2027 - Review

1. Dr. Compton asked both the Policy Committee and the administration to review the policies included in the CABE Quarterly Policy Update.

C. CABE's Model Policy for Artificial Intelligence-Generative AI - Review

1. P6141.3273(a)
2. 4118.53
3. 4218.53

Dr. Compton emphasized the importance of reviewing the proposed artificial intelligence (AI) policies, stating that they are among the most significant policy updates in the CABE Quarterly Policy Update. She noted that CABE recommends districts establish a district-wide AI Advisory Committee to provide guidance on the appropriate use of AI in schools.

Ms. Nespoli asked whether the goal of such a committee would be to encourage or limit the use of AI. Dr. Compton responded that the objective is to ensure AI is used appropriately and responsibly. She explained that the district needs guidance on how students are being taught to use AI, how teachers and staff are incorporating AI into instruction and daily operations, and what best practices should be established. She also shared that another nearby school district has already formed a district-wide AI committee and stated that she believes Seymour should consider doing the same.

Ms. Nespoli asked whether there are AI programs specifically designed for students and questioned how the district can monitor and control AI usage.

Ms. Harmeling commented that protecting student and staff privacy is one of the most important considerations, emphasizing the need for an AI environment that safeguards personal information and data.

Dr. Compton concluded by explaining that the policies included in the CABE update are intended as a starting point for discussion and will help guide the district as it develops its own approach to AI governance and implementation.



IV. REPORTS

- A. Board of Education
 - 1. Chairman Comments
 - 2. Board Member Comments
- B. Superintendent's Report

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM

Prepared by Shannon Levey,
Board Clerk