

**State Board of Education  
Operating Standards Committee**

**Meeting Minutes  
December 09, 2013**

**Committee Members Present:**

Ron Rudduck – Chair  
Darryl Mehaffie – Vice Chair  
Mike Collins  
Stephanie Dodd  
Sarah Fowler  
Kathleen McGervey  
Debe Terhar

**ODE Staff Present:**

Richard Ross – State Superintendent  
John Richard  
Kevin Duff  
Sandra Hay  
Sharon Jennings  
Anna Chapman  
Amber Schneider

**Committee Members Absent:**

Bryan Williams

**CALL TO ORDER AND MINUTES**

Mr. Rudduck called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. Previous minutes required adjustments prior to approval. These will be made by ODE Representatives and approved and accepted by this committee.

**DISCUSSION**

Mr. Rudduck welcomed guests and asked them to provide feedback and suggestions for the future Operating Standards and website.

Stake Holders present:

Theresa Bowser	-	Ohio Catholic Conference
Dan Dodd	-	Ohio Association of Independent Schools
Cindy Hartman	-	Coalition for Rural and Appalachian Schools
Deb Tulley	-	Ohio Federation of Teachers
Scott DiMauro	-	Ohio Education Association
Mike McCarty	-	Clinton-Massie School District-Local School Board Member
Jerry Klenke	-	Buckeye Association of School Administrators
Rob Delane	-	Ohio School Boards Association
Melissa Cropper	-	Ohio Federation of Teachers

Dr. John Richard and Kevin Duff were invited by Mr. Rudduck to provide history and the committee mission.

John Richard started a discussion on why are we here. He asked the Committee how they wanted to proceed.

Kevin Duff provided historical information on what the Operating Standards are and what the purpose was. The first set of operating standards were dated 1929 as recommendations, not requirements. In 1953, the Ohio Constitution created the Ohio State Board of Education and

the Board created the Operating Standards. The first official set was published in 1957 to consolidate and standardize schools in Ohio. Currently, school administrators are required to search several different places to view requirements and laws that govern Ohio schools.

Dr. Richard explained different ways the committee could approach revising the Operating Standards. The consensus was to create a clearinghouse-style system in the form of a user-friendly website that would combine all laws and requirements in one location.

Mr. Rudduck asked the stakeholders to explain their history with the operating standards and what they would like done with these and what would be helpful to them.

Stakeholder comments and suggestions were to make sure things are consolidated and downsized as well as being user friendly. Stakeholders would like the Board or Department to provide recommendations and suggestions for implementing the rules. The Operating Standards are used as a resource to maintain integrity and quality. The website should link the laws with best practices, recommendations, and suggestions. The operating standards should not be used to cut costs and lessen the quality of education that children receive. Public and non-public schools are different entities and rules have to be distinguished for each. They are unable to mesh the two. The committee should make sure the final product is clear for each entity. The standards should contain student safety rules. The standards should provide examples from various community situations, economic situations, etc. and maintain local flexibility. Definitions in the standards should remain consistent.

Stakeholders were asked to continue to provide feedback as the committee develops the website and any other document.

Dr. Richard provided the Committee with two options to proceed:

- Option 1: Operating Standards acts as a clearinghouse for Ohio Revised Code (ORC)
- Option 2: Operating Standards would remove ORC language from the operating standards, but explain it on website. The website would provide topics linked with ORC and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) for specifics and clarification of those rules. Suggestions would be another linked, related to the topic.

More specifics regarding the website and the final product that will be developed as the committee moves along.

The discussion moved on to blended learning and both board members and invited stakeholders discussed various aspects and impacts of blended learning.

Mr. Rudduck requested that the meeting be wrapped up due to time constraints.

Mrs. Terhar initiated a motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded and others voted aye to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.