

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANAWA  
BOOK REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

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**\*This is to note the sensitivity of topics discussed by the Book Committee.  
\*Additionally, to accommodate health/safety precautions as well as transparency with our community, a link will be offered to join virtually, and the in-person meeting location is the District Board Room. All audience members who are not Book Review Committee members, both in person and virtually, are permitted to observe only.**

**November 29, 2021**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**MES Boardroom  
800 Beech Street**

**Committee Members: Michelle Johnson, Chair, Jennifer Krueger, Dawn Millard, Pastor Steve Rice, Mayor Mike Frazier, Hélène Pohl, Jeremy Bennett, Angela Williamson Emmert, and Meredith Bowers**

**Timer: \_\_\_\_\_ Recorder: \_\_\_\_\_**

1. Introduction
2. Review Committee Procedures: (Ground Rules are an adaptation of those outlined in Board Policy 0167.3)
  - i. Guests in attendance both in person and virtually are observers only. There will be no opportunity for Public Comment or input in person, virtually or through the chat box from guests in attendance.
  - i. The chair can interrupt, warn or terminate the Petitioner's and/or District Staff member's statement(s) if the statement(s) is(are) too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant.
  - ii. The chair can request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum.
  - iii. The chair can request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting; and/or
  - iv. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.
3. Purpose: This committee, in evaluating the questioned material, shall decide whether the book, *Looking for Alaska* by John Green be removed from the School District of Manawa's library circulation, or remain as an option for our students in the district's library circulation
  - a. Reminder only Committee Members who have read *Looking For Alaska* in its entirety may vote and hold discussion

4. The committee's decision will be guided by the following criteria:
  - a. The appropriateness of the material for the age and maturity level of the students for whom it is being used
  - b. The accuracy of the material
  - c. The objectivity of the material
  - d. The use being made of the material
  - e. If the overall merit and value of literary elements such as theme, life lessons, conflict resolution, awareness of mental illness, etc. supersedes the explicit subject matter/language
5. Committee Discussion - Only Committee members may take part in discussion
6. Committee Vote by Paper Ballot - Confidential Vote
  - a. Votes are tallied by Committee Recorder, and verified by Committee Chair
7. Verify Book Review Committee's Determination of *Looking For Alaska* that will be given to the District Administrator
8. Any Other Recommendation to be Forwarded to the District Administrator for Consideration
9. Review Next Steps:
  - a. Paper Ballots and all documentation will be forwarded to the District Administrator for review and decision
  - b. Petitioner will be notified of final determination by District Administrator
  - c.
10. Adjourn