

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

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AMENDED AGENDA

November 16, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

**District Board Room
800 Beech Street**

***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 has changed to the District Board Room. All audience members who are not Book Review Committee members both in person and virtually, are permitted to observe only.**

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

In Attendance:

Timer: _____ Recorder: _____

1. Introduction/Committee Review
 - a. Introduce Committee Members
 - b. 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.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. The chair can request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum.
 - iv. 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
 - v. 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.

- c. Provide Current SDM Policy PO9130 and Young Adult Materials Access Procedure
 - d. Distribute Petitioner Complaint
 - e. Distribute *Looking for Alaska* by John Green to each Committee member
2. Committee Purpose:
 - a. 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 library circulation
 - b. The committee's decision will be guided by the following criteria:
 - i. The appropriateness of the material for the age and maturity level of the students for whom it is being used
 - ii. The accuracy of the material
 - iii. The objectivity of the material
 - iv. The use being made of the material
 - v. 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
3. Review Complaint (Approximately 5 minutes)
4. Oral Presentation on *Looking For Alaska* by Petitioner (15 minute time limit)
5. Oral Presentation on *Looking For Alaska* by District Staff (15 minute time limit)
6. Review Actions for Next Meeting:
 - a. Read book *Looking For Alaska* in its entirety
 - b. Review the complaint
 - c. Be prepared for discussion and ballot vote
7. Next Meeting Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
8. Next Meeting Items:
 - a. Discussion - Reminder only Committee Members who have read *Looking For Alaska* in its entirety may vote and hold discussion
 - b. Committee Vote by Paper Ballot - Confidential Votes
 - c. Verify Book Review Committee's Determination of *Looking For Alaska* that will be given to the District Administrator
9. Adjourn