



Board of Education Meeting - Agenda Item

Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Oct 04, 2022 - REGULAR BOARD BUSINESS MEETING
Category	7. Board Matters
Subject	7.2 Resolution to Oppose the State Board of Education Resolution to Support Parents, Schools and Districts in Rejecting Harmful, Coercive, and Burdensome Gender Identity Policies
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Resolution to Oppose the State Board of Education Resolution to Support Parents, Schools and Districts in Rejecting Harmful, Coercive, and Burdensome Gender Identity Policies

WHEREAS, State Board of Education Member Brendan Shea introduced the Resolution to Support Parents, Schools and Districts in Rejecting Harmful, Coercive, and Burdensome Gender Identity Policies on Tuesday, September 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is in response to and opposing the U.S Department of Education's proposed revisions to the Title IX Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Title IX has been instrumental in paving the way for access to equal opportunity for girls and women within our schools, and in combating sexual discrimination and violence within educational spaces. The U.S. Department of Education's proposed provisions, while still in the rulemaking process, aim to strengthen and expand current protections to ensure all students are able to learn in an educational environment free from sex discrimination and sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, Title IX and the proposed revisions align with the core values we cherish in Columbus and reinforce the groundwork we have laid to combat all forms of discrimination in our community; and

WHEREAS, the resolution introduced by State Board Member Shea undermines the steps taken to ensure all students are afforded the invaluable protections under Title IX and advocates for the exact discrimination that Title IX was developed to protect against; and

WHEREAS, it advocates for state-sponsored discrimination and spreads harmful rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Board of Education believes that creating the leaders of tomorrow requires an understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and that all students must feel safe, welcome and respected; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Schools has been at the forefront of ensuring equal rights and defending against discrimination for all students staff and families, including those who are part of our city's LGBTQIA+ community. Our district was an early adopter of protections in the workplace and at school on sexual orientation and gender identity, and a leader in developing professional development training for administrators, teachers, and staff designed to create and reinforce environments of affirmation and belonging; and

WHEREAS, as a public school district, it is our responsibility to provide educational learning environments that are open, supportive, culturally responsive, and psychologically safe for all students to learn; and now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Columbus Board of Education, in adopting this Resolution, hereby express its opposition to the State Board of Education Resolution to Support Parents, Schools and Districts in Rejecting Harmful, Coercive, and Burdensome Gender Identity Policies.

Mission Statement

Each student is highly-educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.