

Minutes of the Policy Committee of the
East Lansing Board of Education
East Lansing High School – Board Meeting
509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI
December 21, 2020
4:00 – 5:30pm

Opening of Meeting

Terah Chambers called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

Roll Call

Present: Terah Chambers, Chris Martin, Kath Edsall, Dori Leyko

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda

Kath Edsall offered the motion to approve the minutes. Chris Martin seconded. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Kath Edsall offered the motion to approve the minutes. Chris Martin seconded. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment – 3 minutes

None

Meeting Topics/Action Items

- Systematic Policy review
 - After receiving the latest information from Thrun, Committee decided to send to full board.
 - Motion: “The Policy Committee support subscription into the Thrun policy service to be voted on at a future Board meeting.” Moved by Martin. Seconded by Edsall. Passed unanimously.
 - Trustee Chambers will draft a memo with relevant information to send on to the Board and be placed in Items of Information.
- Title IX Policy – Updated language from Thrun
 - Discussed language revision from Thrun. May see some new changes in the future with new presidential administration.
 - Motion: “The Policy Committee support adoption of the Title IX policy to be voted on by the full Board.” Moved by Edsall. Seconded by Martin. Unanimously passed.
 - Superintendent Leyko will provide a memo for new Board members
- Onboarding for new school board members

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- Some discussion of how to welcome new members and provide orientation on the role of the school board.
- Board Members Role on Hiring Committees
 - After discussion of this item this year, decided to move language forward to the full Board for consideration.
 - Motion: “The Superintendent draft a policy regarding Board member service on hiring committee such that board members may be included at the superintendent’s discretion.” Moved by Martin. Seconded by Edsall. Passed unanimously.
- Renaming issue
 - Discussed process of renaming school property. Committee will take up the crafting of a policy in the new year.
- January school board meeting operation
 - Some discussion of the operation of the January organizational meeting. Superintendent Leyko will reach out to Thrun for guidance on standard practice.
- Discussion of next steps for agenda items for 2021 Policy Committee
 - ELPS relationship with ELPD (4110) (8130)
 - Moved into new year to allow for additional input from stakeholders.
 - Racial Equity Policy Planning update
 - Work on this continues. Superintendent Leyko shared information about collaboration with Washtenaw ISD around training on racial equity that will also support our work on crafting a district policy. CIA Director Mitchem will provide fuller update to Board in upcoming meeting.
 - Recess Used as a Consequence (8300)
 - Will take up in new year to allow us to share proposed language change with administrators before sending to full Board for consideration.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.