



Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting

Administration Building, Board Room

May 7, 2012

Chairman: Nicole Armbruster

5:30 PM

Committee Members: Myra Ford and Peter Spadafore

Alternate Committee Member: Dr. Nino Rodriguez

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The Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting was called to order on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 5:31 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building. Chairman Nicole Armbruster and Committee Members Myra Ford and Peter Spadafore were in attendance. Sam Sinicropi, Executive Director of Administrative Services was there to represent the Administration.

It was moved by Peter Spadafore and seconded by Myra Ford that the Minutes of the April 16, 2012 Policy Committee Meeting be approved as written.

Under “Public Comment on Agenda Items,” there was no public comment.

Under “Additions to the Agenda,” a District-Wide Dress Code was added to the Agenda under Discussion Items.

The following topics were reviewed under Discussion Items:

- **Becoming a Charter.** Peter Spadafore presented a proposed policy regarding public school academies. Following discussion, it was decided that Mr. Sinicropi would consult with the Superintendent to determine how she would like to proceed on this item. This item will also be discussed at the next Board Officers Meeting.
- **Coordinated School Health Policy.** Pat Bednarz shared with the Committee a brief history concerning Coordinated School Health and explained how a crucial link exists between a student’s health and well-being and academic achievement. Ms. Bednarz then presented a draft policy. Following discussion, it was decided that this policy would be moved forward for review/adoption by the full Board as appropriate.
- **Principals as Instructional Leaders.** Mr. Sinicropi reported that the Administration is in the process of improving its principal evaluation system. Policy 2410 is being reviewed and revised and will be brought before the Policy Committee for consideration upon completion.
- **Professional Service Contracts.** Mr. Sinicropi reported that the Administration’s Executive Team will be reviewing/revising and preparing policy language as it relates to the purchasing of goods and services including Professional Service Contracts and Bid Recommendations. Further information will be forthcoming upon completion.

- Sex Ed Curriculum.** This item was referred to the Administration's Executive Team for review.
- Student Eligibility for Participation in Athletics.** This item was referred to the Administration's Executive Team for review and recommended policy language regarding a waiver of the physical education credit.
- District-Wide Dress Code.** The Committee held a discussion concerning a District-Wide Dress Code. This discussion will be revisited at a later date.

The following topics were reviewed under Action Items:

- Anti-Bullying Policy.** Peter Jensen and Tiffany Bunge presented the Committee with proposed revisions to the District's Anti-Bullying Policy. Following discussion (which included a dialogue concerning the unnecessary delay in bringing this item to the Committee and the need for a timely disposition of this item due to State requirements and deadline of June 6th) it was decided to move this Policy forward to the full Board at its next Regular Board Meeting on May 17th for review/approval as appropriate.
- Dwight Rich Name Change.** Discussions have been had concerning the naming of the Dwight Rich Auditorium. The Committee will revisit this once Mr. Sinicropi is able to determine what the status of this item is.
- Disabled Students.** This item will be revisited at a later date.
- Series 1000.** The following revisions were recommended with regard to Policy Series 1000:
 - 1191** – Lawyers/Attorney fees. From MASB – add last paragraph.
 - 1220** – . . . The proposal may include . . .
 - 1250** - Keep
 - 1260** – Need to merge. Looks good. Delete Board Member recognition.
 - 1300** -

Under Other Business Deemed Necessary, a general discussion ensued concerning the need for Administration and Committee Members to have a better understanding of what Policy issues are being addressed and an ongoing status of each item. Mr. Sinicropi will be working with the Superintendent and Chairman Armbruster to that end.

Under Public Comment, there was none.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Armbruster, Chairman