

MINUTES OF THE WBOE POLICY COMMITTEE

March 10, 2020

District Office Conference Room

Beecher Road School South

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Genovese called the meeting to order at 8:20 AM.

IN ATTENDANCE: Maegan Genovese, Chair; Dan Cowan (via telephone), Joyce Shavers (8:31 AM), Board of Education Members; Robert F. Gilbert, Superintendent; Cheryl Mammen, Special Services Director; Analisa Sherman, Principal; Kim Franklin, WEA Representative and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

The Committee reviewed the following policies.

Ms. Sherman left the meeting (8:30 AM).

Policy 5114 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process: This is a mandated policy and the language modifications presented are the result of statute changes. In addition, our former policy was modified to reflect grades K-6, while this policy encompasses grades K-12. Concern was expressed regarding the definition for what actions constitute grounds for expulsion. While this language is current law, there was disagreement for having to meet the criteria identified as it removes the decision from the local authority and limits the Board of Education. Further, what is “extreme disruption” and how is that interpreted. It was agreed this policy would be deferred to the next meeting for further discussion.

Superintendent Gilbert left meeting (8:58 AM).

Policy 9133 Special Committees/Advisory Committees: Suggested language was reviewed. Discussion ensued for the best process for committee membership selection and representation of various stakeholder groups. The suggested language modifications attempt to outline a clear and productive process. Suggestions were made to have the Board Secretary receive the communications from stakeholder groups instead of the Superintendent. It was agreed this policy would be deferred to the next meeting for further discussion.

Next Meeting: April 7 at 8:00 AM.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:08 AM