

**MIDDLETOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

In Person Meeting 5:30 P.M.

Board of Education Policy Committee Members participating:

Deb Kleckowski, Policy Committee Chair

Shelia Daniels, Chair of Board of Education

Stacy Porch, Parent

Also participation:

Dr. Alberto Vazquez Matos, Superintendent

Jennifer Cannata, Assistant Superintendent

Jill Power, Operations Administrative Secretary

The Meeting was called to order by Deb Kleckowski at 5:33P.M.

1. Introductions

2. Policy #1001 Non Discrimination (Community)

Dr. Vazquez Matos discussed that we have three different discrimination policies. One for students, one for personnel and one for community. This policy deals with the community. The changes that happened were language changes and adding of definitions that are prevalent today. It was a mandated change. After discussion the Board moved this policy to its first and final reading at the Board meeting on February 11th, 2025 with the new changes and wording.

3. Policy #3110 Board Budget Procedures and Line Item Transfers

Dr. Alberto Vazquez Matos stated that this was updated to match the new statute. We currently have a budget transfer line but there is going to be additional reporting that is going to need to be done. Boards of Education can now also make a request to get their 2% of unexpended account funds into a BOE account. With this the BOE will be reporting out every month on transfers. Deb asked if the city could say no. Dr. Vazquez Matos stated no, because it is a statute. After discussion the Board moved this policy to its first reading by removing that the BOE will report every quarter, to reporting every month and reporting on July and August in September at the Board meeting and Dr. Vazquez Matos will check on the legality on February 11th, 2025.

4. Policy #5131.81 Student Use of District's Computer Systems and Internet Safety

Dr. Vazquez Matos discussed that this policy is dealing with students using our internet and computer systems that are given by the district. The changes were to have more updated language in this policy with new technology terms and enhancing tech vocab. There was also a change to use the term child abuse

material instead of child pornography. Deb asked was is considered child abuse material? People can think of it as different things. Dr. Vazquez Matos stated that there are trainings given to all employees and staff that state was is child abuse material and our school computers and wifi systems have firewall systems on them that can decide what is appropriate for students and will block that material and notify administrators. Accidents happen but all information gotten is investigated. The district can only detect inappropriate content on district computers or the district internet, not on students' personal devices. After discussion the Board moved this policy to its first reading at the Board meeting on February 11th, 2025.

5. Policy #9316 New - Length of Board Meeting

A discussion was started about having limits to the board meetings. Some board meetings tend to go far into the night and some board members would like to see that shortened just a bit for administrators and members. There are no guidelines yet and nothing is set in stone but a discussion was had. We will look at other policies, and have a discussion with the other board members to see their thoughts and ideas as well.

The next policy committee meeting will take place on February 18th, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marco Gaylord

Executive Director of Operations