

MINUTES OF THE WBOE POLICY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
District Office Conference Room
Beecher Road School South

CALL TO ORDER: Nancy Maasbach, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

IN ATTENDANCE: Meaghan Genovese, Margaret Hamilton, Nancy Maasbach, Lynn Piascyk, Board of Education Members; Robert F. Gilbert, Superintendent; Larissa Crocco, BRS Staff; Katie McGonigal, Parent; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

Ms. McGonigal, parent of a 4th grade student expressed concerns regarding implementation of the Homework Policy and the lack of consistency that exists from teacher-to-teacher in implementing the policy. Homework should be individualized and should not be a “one size fits all”.

Policy 7551 – *Naming of Facilities* was reviewed given a request to consider the naming of a non-major facility. It was agreed that it would be recommended to the WBOE to revise Policy 7551 to be a policy for Naming of Major Facilities. It was also agreed that a new policy would be created to consider recognition opportunities in honor of local or BRS heroes. Preliminary discussion around such exceptional recognition opportunities included book plates for donated books to the BRS Library over a “collection of things” of different sizes and value on and around the BRS facilities and grounds. It was agreed that a new policy would be discussed at the next Policy Committee meeting with the intention of suggesting the new policy to the WBOE at a subsequent meeting.

Since the policy does not address “memorial requests”. It was agreed that a policy would be developed specifically for memorial requests. Also agreed was that instead of a “collection of things” around the grounds that the recognition could be a book donated to the BRS Library denoting specifics about the individual it was in memory of. It was also suggested that all books donated could be incorporated into a special project / celebration in the Library possibly known as “BRS Heroes”.

Ms. Hamilton left the meeting (6:21 PM).

Class Size Task Force Policy Guidelines – it was agreed that a recommendation would be made to the Board to form an Ad Hoc Committee to review these guidelines. It was also agreed this committee would commence in January 2018. Similar to the prior Task Force and consistent with the SRO Committee, various stakeholder representation would be solicited.

At the October 10 meeting, the committee will review draft language for a new policy on exceptional recognition opportunities, Policies 5113 Attendance, 5113.2 Truancy and 6154 Homework.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:57 PM