

MINUTES OF THE WBOE POLICY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 10, 2017
District Office Conference Room
Beecher Road School South

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

IN ATTENDANCE: Meaghan Genovese, Margaret Hamilton, Nancy Maasbach (6:11 PM), Lynn Piascyk, Board of Education Members; Robert F. Gilbert, Superintendent; Larissa Crocco, BRS Staff; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

Policy 7551 – Naming of Facilities was reviewed. It was agreed that it would be recommended to the WBOE with a revised Heading of *Naming of Major Facilities* and the addition of references to *Policies 3280 and 1324*.

Policy 3280 – Gifts, Grants and Requests was reviewed. It was agreed “Memorials” would be added as further clarification throughout the policy. Minor language modifications were made as well as specific inclusion of language that the district would have the option of declining acceptance and would not be responsible for maintenance and/or replacement of items.

Ms. Maasbach arrived (6:11 PM).

It was agreed both Policy 3280 and 7551 would be forwarded to the Board for 30-day review at their October 16, 2017 meeting.

Policies 5113 Attendance and 5113.2 Truancy were reviewed. Recent legislative changes have impacted prior definitions so both policies in their entirety will replace our current Policy 5113. It was suggested that the specific language under “length of School Day” in our current policy be incorporated into Policy 5113.2. Administration was asked to verify our current practice for recording student absence and whether there are "anecdotal" issues with students being tardy and/or leaving early, or whether this is a problem that is more widespread, since both cause classroom disruption.

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.

At the November 21 meeting, the committee will further review Policies 5113 Attendance, 5113.2 Truancy and 6154 Homework. Additional policies slated for review could include Employer Verification, Student Confidentiality, Sexual Abuse / Harassment and Restraint / Seclusion.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:55 PM