

# **POLICY AND CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, December 7, 2015**

**Oliver Administration Building**

## **PRESENT**

**Subcommittee: Erin Schofield, Chair; and Lynn Wainwright**

**School Committee, Administration & Guests: Diane Sanna, Assistant Superintendent;**

**Absent: John Saviano**

**Meeting called to order by Erin S. at 6:06 p.m.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: Lynn W. motioned to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 meeting; Erin S. seconded.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE OFFICERS DUTIES (BCB)**

**Erin S., commented that during last month's Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee meeting, the Subcommittee reviewed the proposed School Committee Professional Development Requirement Policy. At that time, a suggestion was made to incorporate the School Committee professional development requirement language within**

**the School Committee Officer's Duties (BCB) policy under Chairperson's duties rather than create a stand-alone policy.**

**Last month Bill O. raised a question of whether the powers and duties listed in RI General Law 16-2-9 are directed to the School Committee as a whole or to individual members. Diane S. reported that Andrew Henneous, the District's solicitor, confirmed that the powers and duties listed in RI General Law 16-2-9 is in regards to individual School Committee member responsibility.**

**Erin S. stated that she recently learned that the Rhode Island Association of School Committees will accept other forms of professional development besides RIASC generated PD which will allow more flexibility for School Committee members.**

**A consensus was reached to include the RIASC Request for Approval of External Training form as an exhibit of the revised School Committee Officer's Duties (BCB) policy.**

**A lengthy discussion ensued for the purpose of crafting language to be incorporated under Chairperson's duties within the School Committee Officers Duties (BCB) policy regarding the School Committee professional development requirement.**

**The following language was agreed upon:**

**"The Chairperson is responsible for reviewing policy BBA: School**

**Committee Powers and Duties, with all new committee members, and on an annual basis, with School Committee members. The Chairperson will oversee the expectation that all members complete the required number of professional development hours, as noted in 16-2-9 and outline ways that it can be accomplished. On an annual basis the Chairperson will publicly acknowledge members who have completed the legal requirements. Professional development is essential in light of the changing field of education, and the information that School Committee members need to make informed decisions on behalf of our schools and our students.”**

**MOTION: Lynn W. made a motion to send the revised School Committee Officers Duties (BCB) policy to the full School Committee for a first reading; seconded by Erin. S.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **AGENDA – PREPARATION AND DISSEMINATION (BDDC)**

**Erin S. introduced the reasons why she placed policy BDDC Agenda – Preparation and Dissemination onto the agenda.**

**Erin S. recommended that the recent Open Meetings Act changes regarding specificity of agenda items be incorporated into a BWRSD policy for the purpose of ensuring that the public is fully aware of those items being discussed at a given meeting.**

**Erin S. mentioned the District’s attorney’s recommendation to have a**

**regular agenda item to read “Disclosure of Votes taken in Closed Session”**

**A discussion ensued.**

**A decision was made to table the discussion until the next meeting**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Lynn W. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.; seconded by Erin S.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**/kd**