

POLICY AND CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 4, 2016

Oliver Administration Building

PRESENT

Subcommittee: Erin Schofield, Chair; John Saviano and Lynn Wainwright

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

Meeting called to order by Erin S. at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Lynn W. motioned to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting; Erin S. seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA – PREPARATION AND DISSEMINATION (BDDC)

The secretary to the School Committee was asked for input on current practices for submission of agenda items and reports.

A discussion ensued on whether a specific timeline should be included in the policy to ensure agenda items and supporting documents are submitted to the secretary to the School Committee in

a timely manner.

A decision was made to revisit Policy BDDC during the next Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee meeting to further discuss possible changes regarding submission of agenda items and reports.

The policy will also be reviewed at that time to ensure that it is current.

Diane S. will address internally the concerns raised by the secretary to the School Committee related to receipt of agenda items and reports.

AGENDA – MEETING FORMAT (BDDB)

A lengthy discussion ensued on whether or not Policy BDDB should mirror the exact format currently used for School Committee Workshop and Business Meeting Agendas.

A discussion ensued on the importance of ensuring that policy BDDB aligns with the recent changes made to the Open Meetings Act.

The following sentence will be added to the beginning of Policy BDDB:

“All agenda items must be to the level of specificity so that the public can identify the issue.”

Diane S. will have Andrew H., District Solicitor, review Policy BDDDB to ensure the policy is aligned with the Open Meetings Act, and will also have him verify the sentence that was added to the policy.

A short discussion ensued on whether “future agenda items” is an acceptable agenda item under the Open Meetings Act requirements. Diane S. will review with Andrew H., and discuss with John B., School Committee Chair.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS (BDC)

(John B. arrived at 6:56 p.m.)

A discussion ensued on executive session voting both historically and in current practice.

A discussion ensued on whether policy BDC reflects Rhode Island General Law.

A discussion ensued on how and when executive session votes are reported to the public.

John B. will consult Andrew H. for more clarification on reporting out of executive session votes.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: John S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.; seconded by Lynn W.

The motion passed unanimously.

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