

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2015

Present: Dr. Deidre Gifford, Mr. David Osborne, Dr. Yan Sun, Dr. Victor Mercurio, and Mrs. Gail Wilcox

Review the Charge for the Policy Committee

Mr. Osborne drafted a Charge and reviewed it with the Committee. Language revisions for #3 (add “be staffed” and add “Director of Administration”) and #4 (delete ”when deemed necessary” and add “will recommend proposed policies to the SC”) were suggested. It was questioned whether policies need a first and second read. Attorney Oliverio will be contacted.

Review revisions for Policy #5130: Professional Code of Conduct

Mr. Osborne discussed proposed revisions to the previous draft. The R.I. Educator Code of Professional Responsibility (from RIDE) was shared, along with the NEA Code of Ethics. Mr. Osborne questioned whether the district should recommend the R.I. Educator Code of Professional Responsibility as the policy. Dr. Mercurio would like to share the proposed policy with union leadership prior to the first read with the School Committee.

Review revisions for Policy #1140: Selection of Ad Hoc Committees and School Committee Advisory Committees from the Community

Revisions were made to the language and sequence of paragraphs regarding the selection of ad hoc committee members (lottery, chair appointment by SC, availability). Attorney Oliverio will be contacted about citing the laws in regards to duties and obligations. Revisions were also made to the selection of members for an advisory committee (paragraph #2 will precede #1). A statement regarding the work of a subcommittee and the need to inform the SC needs to be added to the advisory committee section (i.e., Health/Wellness report on Mental Health subcommittee). .

Review revisions for Policy # 9305: Naming of Buildings and Other School Department Sites

“Entities of district” will be added to “Buildings and Permanent Memorials.” Possibilities surrounding structure changes with a memorial were discussed. It was noted the district should have an inventory of plaques. A “window of two years” will be added to “longer-term, but not permanent memorials.”

*Due to time constraints, these two policies were not discussed:

Review of Policy #1125: School Committee By-Laws

Consideration of New Policy: Public Comment Policy

Upcoming meetings:

April 16, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.

May 21, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.

June 11, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.

CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO
SECRETARY