

MEETING OF THE PAWTUCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE-POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7:00PM

Pawtucket City School Administration Building

286 Main St, Pawtucket, RI 02860

Agenda

Roll Call: Erin Dube, Joanne Bonollo, Katherine McQuade, Lee Rabbitt, Patti DiCenso, Jon Anderson

I. Meeting will come to order

a. Roll Call

b. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Participation

Comments from the public are invited at this time. Persons wishing to speak should sign in with the subcommittee chair before speaking. The committee is precluded from discussing or acting on items raised by public comment which are not already on the agenda. Public comment will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

No sign ups

III. Discussion Items

a. Purpose of Policy Subcommittee and State Law on Policy Manual – Ms. Dube

16-2-32- Need legal advice on hard copy vs. digital availability. Per Mr. Anderson online is ok

b. Legal Guidance on Policy Manual review and revision

- c. **Review of other examples of Policy Manuals – Ms. Dube**
 - i. **Barrington Policy Manual**
 - ii. **West Warwick Policy Manual**
 - iii. **Blackstone, MA Policy Manual**
 - iv. **N. Smithfield Policy Manual**

Revision Announcement

- v. **Newport Policy Manual**
- d. **RIASC template for electronic policy manuals—Ms. Dube**
- e. **Review our current Policy Manual—Ms. Dube**

IV. New Business/ Action Items

- a. **Discussion of and Approval of a Vision for Policy Manual—Ms Dube**

ED- online, all policies are reviewed/revised/ archived then re-adopted

KM- philosophically driven, online

JB- accessible to any who need it, up to date

Vision: The Policy Subcommittee will review, revise, or archive all existing policies in the manual to ensure that all policies are up to date, in compliance with the laws, and in keeping with the educational philosophy of the Pawtucket School Committee and Pawtucket School Department.. All updates to the policies will be presented to the School Committee for discussion and approval. The revised manual will be posted online and will be readily available to all.

Roll Call Vote, motion to approve passes unanimously

b. Discussion of and Approval of goals to accomplish Vision – Ms. Dube

ED- monthly review of policies, and presentation to SC

-find philosophy of education

-identify and review less controversial policies first

- Header system organizational method, move through remainder

Roll Call Vote: passes unanimously

c. Approval of Schedule for Policy Subcommittee – Ms. Dube

JA- add in that after each meeting, any policy decisions be forwarded to Legal prior to presentation to SC at large

Roll Call Vote: passes unanimously

d. Discussion of and Approval of protocol for new policies of School Committee – Ms. Dube

Motion to recommend to the full school committee that all new policies being adopted from this point forward be archived and held until the complete new policy manual is published. These items will not be re- reviewed.

V. Adjournment

unanimous