

Policy Committee Meeting
Central Office – Library
May 6, 2019
MINUTES

Present: Nathan Carlow, Ellen DeCotiis, Alan Dube, Arthur Payeur

Also Present: Lester Harmon, Board Member
Lori Napolitano, Principal – BEHS
Paul Penna, Superintendent of Schools
Patty Poirier, Administrative Assistant
Rae Theriault, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Dube called the meeting to order at 4:27 p.m. and declared a quorum present.

IKF – Graduation Policy: This policy was brought for second reading on April 1, 2019. A Board member had several concerns that he wished to address, so the policy was brought back to the Policy Committee for further discussion.

- Report cards will continue to be graded on a 1 to 4 grade; however, transcripts will show a letter grade. No parents had a problem with the transcript, but they are confused by the report cards. When this policy goes back for second reading the rubric will be attached as an FYI. Mr. Harmon asked if the rubric could be converted to a form that is part of the policy – IKF-E. Since the rubric can be seen in the handbook, it is not necessary to attach it to the policy at this time.
- Mr. Harmon asked why Section B, computer literacy, is being removed from the policy. This was a middle school standard so it is not necessary to be included in the high school requirements. Financial Literacy is a required course and computer skills are needed to complete that course. Also, the District no longer offers computer courses so there would be no way to measure this standard.
- Mr. Harmon was concerned with Subsection F and the IEP language. That section will be reworded.
- Why was the world language requirement removed? This is not a State requirement and foreign language teachers are hard to find. MSAD 6 has never had this requirement. Colleges and universities require foreign language and students are urged to study a language.

Moved by Mr. Carlow; seconded by Mr. Payeur: To reword Subsection F.

VOTED: “Yes,” Unanimously

This policy will move to second reading.

EEA – School Bus Transportation: Mr. Penna had requested a change on Page 4, Section C of this policy. He requested that “Athletic Director” be changed to “Director of Transportation.”

Moved by Mr. Carlow; seconded by Ms. DeCotiis: To accept the change as presented.

VOTED: “Yes,” Unanimously

This policy will move to first reading.

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KE – Parent or Citizen Complaint: Mr. Penna suggested that sample copies of this policy be obtained. He felt that the complaint process should stop with the superintendent. It was agreed that Mr. Penna will review this policy with legal counsel.

Moved by Mr. Payeur; seconded by Mr. Carlow: To have Mr. Penna review this policy with legal counsel.

VOTED: “Yes,” Unanimous

Mr. Penna will bring this policy back to Committee once he has spoken with legal counsel.

IMC – Guest Speakers in Schools: This is a policy that was on the MSMA Policy Review. MSAD 6 does not presently have this policy, as it is not required. The Committee reviewed the sample policy. The Committee felt that this policy’s topic is covered under the District’s IMB Policy – Teaching about Controversial Issues; and, therefore, decided against recommending it for adoption.

GBIA – Staff Participation in Political Activities: This policy was presented to the Policy Committee as part of the 5-year review. When comparing the sample policy to the MSAD 6 policy, there were a few differences. The Committee decided to recommend the change in language on page 1, 4th paragraph by adding the words “*while performing work for the District outside of the school day on school premises, or*” ...

Moved by Ms. DeCotiis; seconded by Mr. Payeur: To recommend adoption of this policy with the suggested changes.

VOTED: “Yes,” Unanimously

This policy will move to first reading.

Moved by Ms. DeCotiis; seconded by Mr. Payeur: To adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

Voted: 3 Yes (DeCotiis, Dube, Payeur

1 No (Carlow)

Motion Carried

Next Meeting: May 20, 2019. **A special meeting was scheduled for May 16th @ 5:30 PM*