

**Policy Committee Meeting
Central Office – Library
October 15, 2018
MINUTES**

Present: Robert Deakin, Ellen DeCotiis, Arthur Payeur, Paul Penna, Rae Theriault –
(Recorder)

Guests: Trevor Hustus, Julie Bruni

Absent: Alan Dube/Excused

Vice Chair Robert Deakin opened the meeting at **4:34** p.m.

BBBAA – Student Representation on the School Board: The Policy Committee was asked to review this policy. Mr. Penna made a few suggestions that were presented to the Committee. Although Mr. Dube was absent, he expressed his reservations through email regarding adding middle school students to the policy. Mr. Penna explained that he was hoping to have a high school student representative with an alternate and a middle school student representative with an alternate. There is value in having a younger student at the table. A concern of the Committee was with the maturity level of a middle school student. Mr. Penna stated that the middle school administration would only recommend a student if he/she was a good fit for the position. Two students would sit with the Board during meetings – one from each school. The students will work together to create a schedule of the meetings each will attend.

Moved by Mr. Payeur; seconded by Ms. DeCotiis to adopt the changes as presented by the Superintendent. VOTED: “Yes,” Unanimously

BBBAA-R – Student Representation on the School Board Administrative Procedure: Bonny Eagle Middle School was added to the procedure as a result of the change to the policy. Mr. Penna will add some clarification language to the procedure. This procedure will go as an FYI when Policy BBBAA goes for second reading.

BBBAA-E1 – MSAD 6 School Board Student Representative Application: The application was also changed to reflect the change of adding middle school students in the policy. Mr. Penna felt the form was too cumbersome for students to complete with regards to the requirement of reference letters. If administration wants to continue with the form, it will be sent to the Board as an FYI when Policy BBBAA goes for second reading.

BDE – Board Standing Committees: This policy was submitted for second reading on October 1, 2018, but was sent back to the Policy Committee for further review. Under Subsection F, there was confusion about the Board Chair counting or not counting to declare a quorum. There was discussion as to whether there should be less members on the Negotiations Committee because if the Chair were present, then there would be a majority of the Board present. The concern is if a majority of the Board is present and a Tentative

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Agreement is reached, it could be perceived as a full agreement by a majority of the Board without there being action taken by the full Board. The Policy Committee felt that it was important for the Board Chair to be at the table during negotiations. Should this policy be changed to reduce the Negotiations Committee to 4 members?

Moved by Mr. Payeur; seconded by Ms. Decotiis to confer with our legal counsel to determine if this policy should be revised. **VOTED: “Yes,” Unanimously**

KI – Visitors to the Schools: This policy came back to Committee because of the addition of the words “*Board Member*” to Subsection A. BIA-R clearly states the role of a Board Member when entering a school; therefore, this addition is not needed.

Moved by Mr. Payeur; seconded by Ms. Decotiis to remove the words “Board Member.”

VOTED: “Yes,” Unanimously

This is a new policy and will be sent to first reading.

Two additional policies were presented by Mrs. Theriault to the Committee simply for “house cleaning” purposes as follows:

BEDG – Minutes: This policy contains a cross-reference to policy BBBD; the District no longer has this policy. This cross-reference will be deleted. It will be marked as reviewed and sent to the Board as an FYI.

BEDF – Voting Method: This policy still refers to weighted votes and should have been changed when the District reapportionment was assigned. The words “*by weighted votes*” will be removed. This policy will also be marked as reviewed and sent to the Board as an FYI.

Moved by Mr. Payeur; seconded by Ms. DeCotiis to adjourn at **5:23** p.m.

VOTED: “Yes,” Unanimously

NEXT MEETING: November 5, 2018