

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 @ 3:30 PM

Attendees: Denise Day, Brian Cisneros, Kenny Rotner, James Morse, Todd Allen, Wendy DiFruscio

Visitors: Misty Lowe, David Goldsmith

Denise called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM.

Jim explained that Misty and David are in attendance for a discussion surrounding a proposed class size procedure that was developed and is being brought forward to the committee for their review and input. The Class size policy is on the agenda not for revision, but to use as an informational guideline for the proposed procedure.

Jim also explained that this procedure was developed for clarification purposes and went on to give two separate examples from last year as to why this procedure would have been helpful to have.

David suggested some language changes to #5 by adding the word "building" after Kindergarten and changing the date to a range from August 1 through August 7. On # 8a – by adding "have the option of remaining in the current school for the remainder of the year, but" before the word need in the first sentence.

Discussion ensued regarding #6 and whether this statement should be removed as it is already encompassed in the second paragraph of the procedure. It was determined that the language is fine as is, but the following statement will be added to the end of the second paragraph, "recognizing that both elementary schools serve students from all three towns.

Brian asked what the legal obligation was to transport students.

Jim explained that it was Kindergarten through Grade 8, but not across the District.

The committee understands that this is a procedure but asked that the corrected version be brought back at the next policy meeting.

Misty and David left the meeting at 4:05PM.

Policy ADB – Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free Schools – Both the current and NHSBA version were presented and reviewed. A discussion pertaining to the difference in each policy were looked at and compared. It was decided that the NHSBA version of the policy included language updates as well as updated legal references and would be used for the policy. It was also decided that existing language from the current policy section #2C – would be added as #5d. This policy is ready for a first read.

Policy AE – Accountability – was reviewed with no changes and this status will be reflected on the policy.

Policy BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest – Both the existing and NHSBA versions were reviewed. A brief discussion followed and examples of possible conflict of interest scenarios were presented and discussed. This policy was reviewed with no changes and will be reflected on the policy as such.

Policy BDB – Board – Superintendent Relationship – Review of existing and NHSBA versions were looked at. Very similar in contexts, but the Policy Committee would like to adopt the NHSBA version as a first read at the next Board meeting.

Policy JEAB – Student District Placement will be deleted as a new procedure has been developed for student placement under the Class Size Policy – IIB.

Jim briefed the policy committee on a complaint that came in pertaining to a banner that is displayed on the athletic field. Todd explained that we are following the Advertising policy and also asked for legal interpretation. The District is very clear on what can be allowed when acknowledging an organization and our legal interpretation is that the District is following the policy.

No additional questions or comments.

Meeting ended at 4:45 PM – Next meeting October 9, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. DiFruscio