

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 3:30 PM

Attendees: Maria Barth, Kenny Rotner, Denise Day, Wendy DiFruscio, James Morse,

Visitors: 0

Called to order at 3:30 by Maria Barth

The agenda is for policies reviewed by administration pertaining to instruction.

Policy IFA – Instructional Needs of Students with Different Talents – This policy aligns with our strategic plan. Scenario presented if student has 504 accommodations is this policy followed. Some additional discussion for wording changes reviewed. Minor changes will be included and cross reference added. This is ready for first read.

Policy IGA – Curriculum Development – Suggested revision were discussed and decided that the original wording will be retained with suggested language to be included within body of policy. Clarification of the difference between curriculum and instruction explained. Questions asked as to frequency of curriculum changes and if these changes need Board approval. Noted that this policy will be helpful to new staff and staff brought in to cover a leave of absence. Changes made throughout document and this policy is first read ready.

Policy IGAD – Career Education – Lengthy discussion on this policy. Numerous changes will be implemented throughout, including changing guidance to counselor throughout where appropriate. Paragraph 3 and 4 will be combined and last paragraph will be re-written. Cross reference will be added and this policy is ready for first read.

Policy IGE – Parental Objections to Specific Course Material – This policy was reviewed by the committee with no changes made. This will be noted on policy.

Policy IHAE – Physical Education–Questions asked as to why this policy is needed as it is content specific and is already classified as a requirement for graduation. This policy is being recommended for deletion.

Policy IHAH – World Languages Program – Again, discussion ensued as to whether this policy is needed as it is also a content specific policy. NHBBA clarifies this as a mandatory policy if the middle school offers world language so this policy will be returned to the policy committee for review.

Policy IGD – Curriculum Adoption – Was placed on hold for the superintendent to consolidation to be returned to the policy committee at their next meeting. This policy was brought back as an individual policy and will not be consolidated. A change was made to the title and personalized to ORCSD. This policy is ready for first read.

Policy IF – Instructional Program – Was placed on hold for consolidation with another policy. It was brought back to the committee as a single policy with changes incorporated throughout and will be presented at the School Board's next meeting as a first read.

Meeting ended at 4:50 PM – Next meeting to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy L. DiFruscio