

POLICY COMMITTEE
Minutes
NOVEMBER 25, 2008, 5:30 P.M.
WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Kimberly Angove	Mrs. Katherine Oudinot
Mr. Thomas Knapp	Mrs. Kirsten Turfitt
Mr. Jeff Lockett	Mrs. Donna Zariczny
Dr. Jack Martin	Mr. Arthur Stewart (arrived at 5:50 p.m.)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. David Wortman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Terrill	Mrs. Rosemarie Green
Dr. Karen Pascale	Mrs. Amanda Hetrick
Mrs. Amy Stewart	Mrs. Diane Martin
Mr. Petter Turnquist	Mr. Matt Jones
Mrs. Ruth Huck	Mrs. Cindy Nyquist
Mr. Brian Collopy	Mrs. Sue Turner
Mr. Jack Werner	Mrs. Patty Horner
Mrs. Wendy Norris	Mr. Brian Ferry (WTO)

1.0 Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The Policy Committee meeting of the Warren County School District Board of School Directors was called to order by Dr. Martin, President, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Warren County Career Center, 347 East Fifth Avenue, Warren, Pennsylvania.

1.2 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Policy Number 3145, titled - Decisions During Superintendent Absences

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves on second reading Policy Number 3145, titled - Decisions During Superintendent Absences.

ACTION: It was moved by Jeff Lockett and seconded by Donna Zariczny to move this policy to the December Board meeting. The Board voted unanimously to forward it.

2.2 Policy Number 11201, titled - Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves on first and second reading changes to Policy Number 11201, titled - Public's Right To Know/Freedom of Information.

ACTION: It was moved by Jeff Lockett and seconded by Donna Zariczny that Policy Number 11201 be moved to the December Board meeting.

Chris Byham will be asked to make clarifications as to whether a person's name or just a title needs to be listed in the policy, and if the Open Records Officer is absent for illness or vacation, how would requests be handled considering a response must be sent within five business days of receipt?

- 2.3 Policy Number 9742, titled - Class Rank/Honors Credits Class of 2011 and Beyond and Policy Number 9743, titled - Class Rank/Honors Credits - Class of 2008, 2009, and 2010 and Beyond

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves on second reading Policy Number 9742, titled - Class Rank/Honors Credits Class of 2011 and Beyond and Policy Number 9743, titled - Class Rank/Honors Credits - Class of 2008, 2009 and 2010 and Beyond.

ACTION: In Policy 9743 the "value added line" (lines 22-23 on page 2) was changed, and it should not have been changed. It needs to go back to the original wording.

For 2011 and beyond the wording will be - The final ranking is determined by weighted GPA which is derived from credits attempted times grades earned divided by credits attempted with weight attributed to the individual course where earned.

It was moved by Donna Zariczny and seconded by Katherine Oudinot that these policies be moved to the Board meeting for action. The Board voted unanimously to move the policies forward.

3.0 New Business

- 3.1 Policy Number 10616, titled - Bullying/Cyber-Bullying

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves on first reading modifications to Policy Number 10510, titled - Student Discipline to address bullying.

ACTION: The District is required to have a policy defining what bullying is and this policy addresses that. This needs to be enacted and reviewed every three years.

This must be implemented by January 1.

Mr. Stewart is concerned that people will not look at "Student Welfare" to find bullying. In order to keep the policy less cumbersome, he suggested inserting these elements under the discipline policy. Mrs. Hetrick will bring this back merged under 10510 as item K1.

This item will be sent to the December Board meeting for first reading.

4.0 Informational Items

- 4.1 Goals Updates are attached for the Board to review.
- 4.2 Mrs. Zariczny requested to have a dialogue regarding the PSBA Standards of Effective Governance and Code of Conduct.

Mrs. Zariczny made a motion seconded by Mr. Knapp that the Board of School Directors adopts the PSBA Standards for Effective Governance and the PSBA Code of Conduct for Members of the Pennsylvania School Board members.

This item will be place on the December Board agenda under “Other.”

5.0 Other

- 5.1 Dr. Martin stated that Policies 9719, 9720, 9725, 9730, 9732, and 9746 are unnecessary based on the dates on them, and he asked Dr. Terrill to make a recommendation. Dr. Terrill has asked that they be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting to remove them.
- 5.2 Athletic directors requested that the Board review Policy 10465 with recommended changes from the athletic directors. This will added to the next Policy Committee meeting agenda.
- 5.3 Mrs. Turfitt would also like to review the hiring procedures. Dr. Martin requested that an agenda item be put on the next Policy Committee meeting agenda to discuss a policy related to hiring.
- 5.4 Mr. Lockett would like feedback from ESB regarding adding a section for news. Dr. Martin asked Brian to look into this and find out what the costs would be for adding a news section.
- 5.5 Mrs. Martin is working on several new policies regarding Chapter 14, child restraints, application discrepancy criteria, and parents visiting classrooms. This will be put on the next Policy Committee meeting agenda under Special Education Policies.
- 5.6 Mrs. Pascale stated that a “Hands On Policy” needs to be addressed. Mrs. Pascale will be researching and bringing information to the next Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Stewart suggested that she look at Policy 7205 to see if it is addressed there, or if the existing policy could be modified to cover the issue.

6.0 Closing Activities

- 6.1 Next Meeting Date - TBA
- 6.2 Adjournment

It was moved by Donna Zariczny and seconded by Katherine Oudinot to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck
Board Secretary