



POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 20, 2014

Central Office

7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Yashu Putorti
Jennifer Magri
Jay Hatfield

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kristen Harmeling, BOE
Christine Syriac, Superintendent
Nancy Snopkowski, Associate Superintendent
Rob Dyer, System-wide Technology Coordinator
Pat Boyle, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Mrs. Syriac called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

II.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Mrs. Magri nominated Mr. Putorti to be the Chairman of the Policy Committee

Mr. Hatfield nominated Mrs. Magri to be the Chairman of the Policy Committee

Mrs. Magri, Mr. Putorti voted in favor of Mr. Putorti, Mr. Hatfield voted for Mrs. Magri

Mr. Putorti will be the Chairman of the Policy Committee by a vote of 2-1.

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Policy Review

MOTION: (Mr. Putorti/sec., Mrs. Magri) to move item #6. 6141.322-Bring Your Own Device to item #1 and to be discussed first

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Putorti, Mrs. Magri, Mr. Hatfield

1. **Policy #6141.322**

Mrs. Snopkowski presented Policy 6141.322. She explained that we now have the infrastructure to support this plan. The policy encompasses students, staff, and guests. There would be professional development for staff and the policy would be included in the student handbooks. Mr. Dyer explained that the Technology Committee had taken four other district policies and combined them to make the best fit for Seymour. Mr. Hatfield wanted to know "how do we allow access to the network and how do we ensure that protocols are followed?" Mr. Dyer said there has to be a balance between function and security but that guests would have the highest security placed on them. There would be access controls and filters placed to blocked sites. Mr. Hatfield felt that when guests logged in to the system there should be a splash page with an agreement for acceptable use. Mr. Dyer felt that with the filters and controls blocking sites that would not be necessary. He stated that we are not and do not want to be a Wi-Fi hot spot or internet provider.

Mrs. Syriac explained that to get an e-rate certain sites are blocked and anyone found to be in violation of what is considered inappropriate would be dealt with on a 1-to-1 basis. If you are accessing our internet you have no expectation of privacy. The wording was then changed from employee to other members of the school community. Mrs. Magri suggested that this policy be reviewed yearly.

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Putorti) to move Policy 6141.322- Bring Your Own Device to the full Board with the recommended changes.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Putorti, Mrs. Magri, Mr. Hatfield

2. Policy 4111- Personnel-Certified/Non Certified-Recruitment and Selection

It was recommended at a previous meeting that the wording be changed to align with the practice of summer hiring, the hiring of any open positions over the summer except for administrators. Mr. Hatfield said he thought the purpose of the policy was so teachers could be hired before school started. Mrs. Syriac said that she felt all positions were important to have filled before school began and that this has been the practice.

MOTION: (Mrs. Magri/sec., Mr. Putorti) to move Policy 4111 Personnel-Certified/Non Certified-Recruitment and Selection to the full Board with the recommended changes.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Putorti, Mrs. Magri, Mr. Hatfield

3. Bylaw 9132-Bylaws of the Board-Permanent Board Committees

The name of Curriculum, Library and Technology Committee should be changed to Curriculum and Technology as voted at the BOE meeting of 05/03/10. Mr. Hatfield felt that we have too many committees and that we should look into combining some of these committees, he did a survey and some of the committees only met a few times in 7 years. Mrs. Syriac stated that some committees only meet when it is necessary for them to and some need to meet less frequently. Mr. Hatfield will put together his survey on our district committees and other districts' and forward it to this committee for review. Mrs. Syriac said that Board Council strongly recommended not dissolving the Liaison Committee. Mr. Putorti tabled Bylaw 9132 until more research is done.

4. Bylaw 9321-Bylaws of the Board-Time Place Notification of Meetings

The Board of Education requested to look at this bylaw to align the bylaw to the practice of one BOE meeting each month. The Board of Education shall hold one regular meeting every month, and such meetings from time to time as it may call. Mr. Hatfield had an issue with only having one scheduled meeting per month; he felt the second meeting should be for committee meetings. This idea was proposed for this year and it has been too difficult to coordinate all committee members' schedules.

MOTION: (Mrs. Magri/sec., Mr. Putorti) to move Bylaw 9321- Bylaws of the Board-Time Place Notification of Meetings to the full Board with the recommended changes.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Putorti, Mrs. Magri

OPPOSED: Mr. Hatfield

5. Policy 6130-Instruction-Organizational Plan

Align schools in the plan to represent the new Chatfield-LoPresti School

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mrs. Magri) to move Policy 6130- Instruction-Organizational Plan to the full Board with the recommended changes.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Putorti, Mrs. Magri, Mr. Hatfield

6. **Policy 4112.4-Personnel-Certified-Physical Examinations**

Mrs. Syriac said that we don't currently use this policy and she would like the Committee's input on whether we should use it or eliminate it. The physical would have to be a pre-employment practice. Mr. Putorti asked about random drug testing. Mrs. Syriac said we currently don't do this and it would require a change to the contract. By contract we can at any time ask for a doctor's note. After discussion it was decided to strike all but the section titled Employed Personnel from this policy.

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mrs. Magri) to move Policy 4112.4-Personnel-Certified-Physical Examinations to the full Board with the recommended changes.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Putorti, Mrs. Magri, Mr. Hatfield

IV. **REPORTS**

A. Chairman's Report

None

B. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Syriac would like to bring 2 or 3 policies that just need minor revisions to each policy committee to make them current as well as a policy that requires more discussion.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mrs. Magri) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Putorti, Mrs. Magri, Mr. Hatfield

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by:
Pat Boyle