



POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 12,, 2014
Chatfield-LoPresti
Conference Room
6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Yashu Putorti, Chairman
Jennifer Magri
Jay Hatfield

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Christine Syriac, Superintendent
Pat Boyle, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Mr. Putorti called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.; he dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Policy Review

1. **Bylaw #9132 Permanent Board Committees (review changes)**

Mrs. Syriac presented to the Committee the changes to the Permanent Board Committees that the committee discussed last time.. The five committees to be: Finance and Budget (Nutrition would be added to this committee), Facilities and Operations, Negotiations, Curriculum and Technology (Health would be added to this committee), and Policy. All committee members were in favor of this revision. A discussion of whether there should be 3 or 4 members per committee. Mr. Putorti and Mrs. Magri thought 3 members would make the most sense; it was the Board Attorney's suggestion to stay with 3. If you add a 4th member and the chairman who is a part of every committee were to attend, a quorum of the Board of Education would be reached. Mr. Hatfield felt that decision should be made with the entire Board of Education. Mrs. Magri stated that she felt they should present it to the full board as 3 members. This would allow every member of the Board of Education to sit on 2 committees.

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mrs. Magri) to propose to the full board the revision of the Permanent Board Committees to be Finance and Budget, Facilities and Operations, Negotiations, Curriculum and Technology, and Policy with 3 Board of Education Members serving on each committee:

SO VOTED

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

2. **Bylaw #9325.2 Order of Business (revise)**

Mrs. Syriac suggested making the changes to this policy to reflect the new names of the Permanent Board Committees as well as reflecting the change to one meeting a month.

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mrs. Magri) to propose to the full board the revision of Bylaw #9325.2 to reflect the above changes:

SO VOTED

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

3. Policy #5131.6 Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco (revise)

Mrs. Syriac suggested we revise this policy to strengthen the language per discussion with Fred Dorsey in regard to e-cigarettes and potential use by students. Mrs. Syriac also wanted to delete "while classes are in session or student activities are occurring" as our expectation is that this policy must always be in effect.

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mrs. Magri) to propose to the full board the revision of Policy #5131.6 Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco to reflect the above changes.

SO VOTED

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

4. Policy #4118.231/4218.231 Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco (revise)

Mrs. Syriac suggested we revise this policy to strengthen the language with regard to electronic cigarettes for both certified and non-certified staff. There were no objections to the change. (see attached Policy revisions) Discussion continued on regulations that are associated with this policy. The committee did not like the language in the regulations. The regulations stated that staff under the influence of drugs or alcohol should be taken to the nurse and treated as a medical emergency. Any further action would be taken by the police with no further action from the board. Also, it stated that the Principal would notify central office. Mr. Putorti wanted this changed throughout to administrator; this would cover in the event that it is the Principal in violation of the policy. Mrs. Syriac asked that the regulations be talked about at a future meeting after she has time to review the regulation and speak to Mr. Dorsey about proper language.

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mrs. Magri) to propose to the full board the revision of Policy #4118.231/4218.231 Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco to reflect the above changes.

SO VOTED

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

5. Policy #6172.3 Homeschooling (revise)

Mrs. Syriac stated that the laws have changed in regard to the district's responsibilities toward those students being Homeschooled. We do not have to monitor what the student is doing. Mrs. Magri wanted to know if the revised statutes are reflected in the new language. Mrs. Syriac said yes the statute changes are reflected in the policy.

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mrs. Magri) to propose to the full board the revision of Policy #6172.3 Homeschooling to reflect the above changes.

SO VOTED

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

6. 504 Policy (new)

Mrs. Syriac explained that this is a new policy that has been drafted by Shipman and Goodwin, the district's special education attorneys. This policy is in response to an OCR complaint that took place 1 ½ years ago, the review found us to be in compliance with our actions but strongly suggested we implement a 504 Policy. Mrs. Syriac suggests that this policy be accepted with no revisions as it involves legal matters and would be updated as statutes change. Only titles have been used such as Director of Special Services, not personal names. Mr. Putorti and Mrs. Magri agree that this is a needed policy addition.

MOTION: (Mrs. Magri/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to propose to the full board the addition of the 504 Policy as written.

SO VOTED

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

B. Reports

1. Chairman's Report
None
2. Superintendent's Report
None

III. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by:
Pat Boyle