

Policy Committee Minutes
January 17, 2017
6:00 p.m.
Special Education Conference Room

Committee members present: Lucy Petrella, Robert Yamartino, Jeremy Renninghoff, Norm Hicks, Robert Moore.

Administration present: Kathryn Veronesi

The meeting was called to order at 6:11p.m.

1. **Public Comment:** None
2. **Approval of Agenda:** On a motion by Mr. Renninghoff and seconded by Mrs. Petrella, the agenda was approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Mr. Renninghoff and seconded Mr. Moore, the minutes of November 29, 2016 were approved.
4. **Continued discussion of non-board members on board subcommittees:** Mr. Hicks indicated that he polled 17 Board members from the ACES Board and one town indicated that they include a member of the community on their finance committee. Mr. Yamartino shared his proposal with the committee. The committee discussed the benefit of having someone who might want to run for the Board of Education serve as a community representative on a Board committee. The committee edited the proposal submitted by Mr. Yamartino. Dr. Veronesi will submit the policy to CABE or Shipman for review. Mr. Yamartino also asked to check into the policy for suspension or dissolution of a committee.
5. **Review of Policies**
 - Employment Checks: Discussion as to the reason behind referring to the “Superintendent” or the “Board of Education” in various places throughout the policy. Discussion around liability of the Board. Is this a regulation or a policy?
 - Non-discrimination: The policy was accepted as presented and will move forward to the full Board for approval.
 - Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug-Free Workplace: The policy was accepted as presented and will move forward to full Board for approval.
 - Use and Disclosure of Criminal Justice Information: Dr. Veronesi will review the regulations with the Central Office Team and report back to the committee.
 - Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect: Dr. Veronesi will review with Amy Emory and get back to the committee. Discussion of posting and distributing all necessary information with Careline information in various locations. The Board would like to know if this information is included in student handbooks.
 - Social Media: Dr. Veronesi will review regulations with the administrative team and the technology department and will then move the policy forward to full Board for approval.
 - Other policies (Chemical Health Policy for Student Athletes, Homeless Children and Youth, Confidentiality and Access to Education Records, Wellness, and Title I Parent Involvement) will be tabled until next the meeting. The committee would the ability to edit shared documents; Dr. Veronesi will send information to committee.
6. **Public Comment:** None
7. **Adjournment:** On a motion from Mr. Renninghoff and seconded by Mr. Moore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held February 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.