

## Meeting Minutes for Policy Committee Meeting - 3/15/2021

### Meeting attendees:

Louis Piconi (Chair), Gina Rocque, Sarah Adams (Joined at 6:45p), Claire Drebitko (joined at 7:05p), Bryce Sammel (joined at 7:35p)

- Meeting delayed to reach quorum. Official start at 6:45p.
- Discussion of policies to move forward to adoption at the next board meeting:
  - Personnel Recruitment, Selection, Appointment, and Background Checks
  - Homeless Students
  - Electronic Communications between Employees and Students
- Discussion of potential change to Electronic Communications policy - committee decided to keep the wording unchanged.
- Committee reviewed the Community Use of School Facilities policy and decided to move it forward to the Board for a 1st reading.
- Reviewed English Language Learner policy, led by Piconi, from VSBA and decided on no changes to our current policy for students with Limited English Proficiency. Discussion of the more detailed VSBA definitions, but the committee decided that the administration had the direction and authority to act based on the current policy.
- Reviewed Interscholastic Sports policy led by Piconi. Committee agrees we need the policy but there are changes to be made. First, Piconi will add a section on the Board approving coaching hires. There was a discussion of the important role that coaches hold with students and, as such, there needs to be a full review and board vote on hires. Second, the committee discussed the section regarding "passing grades" and the fact that many of our struggling students need sports the most. Is there a way to give the HS Principal the flexibility to reward effort, attendance, and behavior rather than simply grades. Gina is going to follow up with Garon to discuss this topic and report back to the committee. This policy will be reviewed again at the next committee meeting with expected amendments.
- Reviewed a naming policy for buildings, facilities, etc. The committee decided to send this policy to the Board Chair and Superintendent for legal review and potential edits. This policy will be reconsidered at the next committee meeting. One point of concern is what to do with previously named items. Can legal address this?
- The Board Chair, Bryce Sammel, discussed the need to address education policy. The committee requested an example of this type of policy for review.
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:50p.

## AGENDA FOR FULL BOARD MEETING

### 1. Adoption of 3 Policies

- Personnel Recruitment, Selection, Appointment, and Background Checks
- Homeless Students
- Electronic Communications between Employees and Students

### 2. 1st Reading of 1 Policy

- Community Use of School Facilities

### 3. Future Policy Review Queue - Discussion

- Interscholastic Sports
- District Facility Naming Policy
- Education Policies