

Frank Todisco, Board Chairman called the special virtual meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Members present were Farouk Rajab, Craig Esposito, Jack Morehouse, Alisa Morrison and Heidi Simmons, Board of Ed Secretary. Member Absent: Gordon Lord. Also present were, Ana de Oliveira, Recording Secretary, and Mary Anne Butler, Assistant Superintendent,

Review of Policies 9000-9125

Chair Frank Todisco noted he had met earlier last week with Mary Anne Butler, Assistant Superintendent and decided that reviewing the policies in smaller chunks made more sense. The Board reviewed Policies 9000-9125 and discussed suggestions which included elimination of some of the existing policies and using the current CAGE version of the policies. The Board recommended adopting the current CAGE policy for policy numbers 9000, 9012, 9020.1 and 9020. Jack Morehouse spoke of his concerns as it relates to Policy 9030. Mrs. Butler will research some of the area districts for samples of policy 9030 that might address the Board's concerns and will share with the Board for further discussion. Policy 9010 and 9121 will remain as is. Suggested draft of Policy 9040 will have a change to #7 to read "review data" versus "provide data". Heidi Simmons voiced her concern regarding #3 on Policy 9040. Mary Anne Butler explained the connection of the policy to Ms. Simmons concerns. Craig Esposito suggested creating a policy where individuals can provide input and who they provide that input to. Chair Frank Todisco agreed for the need of a policy that covers this issue and he will pursue that idea. The suggested draft of Policy 9040 will be adopted with the change on #7 and change on #9 "To evaluate" versus "to evaluation". Suggested draft Policy 9110 has been updated to reflect changes in the charter. Mary Anne Butler noted the Board will get a second look at the policies at the next Board meeting. Chair Frank Todisco noted there were a few options for the Board to consider for Policies 9121. Farouk Rajab expressed that the way it is set up now seems to work given the small size of the Board in which there is no need for a vice chair. Jack Morehouse asked if this seat can meet with the superintendent. Chair Frank Todisco clarifies that any Board member can meet individually with the superintendent. Policy 9121 will remain as is with the deletion of the vice chair language. Craig Esposito expressed that he would strike out the "in writing" from the election of officers in the policy. Alisa Morrison suggested changing the policy to reflect "a member could call for a paper vote or ballot". Ms. Butler and Chair Frank Todisco will research for the appropriate language from the town and share with the Board. Ms. Morrison spoke about the need for the policies to specify that they are governed by Robert's Rules. Ms. Butler noted there is a policy that speaks to that topic and will share that policy with the Board. Policy 9122 has been eliminated that speaks to the vice chair. Suggested draft Policy 9123 remains the same with the added language from Policy 9121 referencing the secretary may assist the chairperson as requested. The Board reviewed the suggested draft Policy 9123.1. Craig Esposito voiced perhaps have the auditors make an appearance at a Board meeting, which has never been done in the past and have access to the executive summary. Chair Frank Todisco noted that the audit is a part of the town's audit also. He suggested having a conversation with Gary Shettle, Finance Director about this topic. Chair Frank Todisco and the Board members agreed upon the suggested draft version of Policy 9125.

Curriculum Review – First readings

Mary Anne Butler reviewed the Unified Physical Education, Unified Music, Anatomy and Physiology, Digital Photography I and Accounting with the Board. Mrs. Butler entertained questions from the Board and noted if they had further questions to email them to her that she would answer them. The curriculum will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Board Comments/Concerns


Chairman Frank Todisco shared that the most rewarding event he has attended as a Board member is the Unified Sports Banquet, it is an incredible experience and encouraged Board members to attend when they get the chance. Jack Morehouse requested a discussion regarding the AP classes offered at the high school. He inquired if there was enough of them offered and enough choices for students. He asked if there has been conversation regarding increasing the number of choices and having younger students participate in them. He spoke of how it offered a leg up to his own students when they went to college and noted that if there were a few more offered it might be even more popular. Mrs. Butler will get current enrollment numbers and which are offered and will bring back to the next COW meeting. Farouk Rajab voiced his appreciation to the curriculum teachers for their work on the curriculum.

Adjournment

The following motion was made by Farouk Rajab and seconded by Heidi Simmons

Motion 1: To adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

All: Aye


Heidi Simmons, Board Secretary