

<b>Policy Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Date: March 13, 2017</b> <b>Location: District Educational Services Center</b>
Members Present	Chair: David Striebinger Vice-Chair: Mary Cordray Members present: Evva Anderson, JoAnn Orischak
Others Present	Patricia Felton-Montgomery, Earl Campbell, Geri Kinton, and Drew Davis, and Community member Mr. John Dowling
Time Called to Order	5:05p.m.
Action Agenda Items	
Action Agenda Item	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>
	<p><b>Mary Cordray made the motion to amend the agenda by adding the February 13, 2017 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. JoAnn Orischak. The motion passed 4/0.</b></p> <p><b>Mrs. Evva Anderson made the motion to approve the modify agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Cordray. The motion passed 4/0.</b></p> <p>Mrs. Orischak requested that the minutes be corrected by adding more descriptive language to the first bullet under Define Goals.</p> <p><b>Mrs. Evva Anderson made the motion to approve the modify minutes by adding to the section of the minutes under Define Goals and add the following words “measurable district achievement goals”. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Cordray. The motion passed 4/0.</b></p>
Public Comments	Mr. John Dowling of Bluffton commenting on violating the FOIA Laws by having a quorum at committee meetings.
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following Mr. Dowling’s comments, there was much discussion about Public Comments being added to the committee meeting agendas, and the amount of time that the public may speak during committee meetings. This topic will be added to the next agenda.</li> </ul>
Agenda Item	<b>Board Agenda Template – Second Comment Correction Heading, New Business/Future Agenda Heading</b>
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on the whole board agenda template. The discussion on how to shorten the board meeting. It was clarified that the topic is on “Second Comment Correction Heading and not the Board Agenda Template as a whole.</li> <li>• The Board Meeting Agenda Template will be added to the next Agenda for discussion.</li> <li>• The discussion on Comment Corrections – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ It implies to some that the public is always wrong.</li> <li>➢ This does not help the image of the Board.</li> <li>➢ The original purpose was to have a form to correct information that was shared by the public that was not fact.</li> <li>➢ It has now become a form that board members are using it as opinions and not just fact.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Suggestion to either remove comments corrections all together or to use that time for open dialogue between the public and the Board.</li> </ul>

- There still should be a mechanism to correct error, but it should come from the Chair.

**Mrs. JoAnn Orischak made the motion that the Policy Committee recommend to the full Board that Comment Corrections be removed from the agenda template. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Cordray. The motion passed 4/0.**

- The discussion on New Business/Future Agenda Heading
- It was suggested that the Board was not using New Business for the purpose it was intended.

**Mrs. JoAnn Orischak made the motion that the Policy Committee recommend to the full Board that they rename New Business to Future Agenda Suggestions. Mr. David Striebinger was advised that he could not second the motion.**

- It was stated that even though there was a mechanism in place to place items on the agenda, that there is value to have a place on the agenda to bring items that are important to board members in a public setting. It provides some level of accountability.
- It was also discussed that there isn't a need because any item that has been requested by a board member has been placed on an agenda, even if three other board members had not requested the item. Public awareness is made of aware of it when it is discussed in public.
- It was stated that the board meetings twice a month are to conduct board business that is done in public. For constituents to know what board members are thinking and doing, the avenues for that dialogue and discussion are doing Town halls meeting, talking to the media, district meetings, blogging, and other outlets.
- Dr. Montgomery share the opinion from Attorney Andrea White who stated at the SCSBA Workshop that she viewed New Business on agendas as a FOIA run around to the requirement that an Agenda not be amended at the meeting. She also stated that Dr. Tiffany Richardson, with the SCSBA Association shares her opinion.
- It was discussed that under the Supt. Report and under the Chair's report that there are opportunities for information to be discussed that has not been identified on the agenda.
- It was stated that the Supt. Report and Chairman's Report is for Information, and not for action.

There was much discussion about altering the agenda, and the removal of items from the agenda template, but that discussion will be an agenda item at the next policy committee meeting.

**Mrs. Mary Cordray made the motion that the Policy Committee recommend to the full Board the removal of "new business" from policy 2.4, VIII C.13. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Evva Anderson. The motion passed 3/1. JoAnn Orischak voted against the motion.**

Mr. David Striebinger will add to the next agenda the following items:

- The agenda topic process and substance
- Agenda Temple – making short
- Officers rights of changing items on the agenda.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Supt. Report &amp; Chair Report</li> <li>➤ Other FOIA Violations</li> <li>➤ Future Agenda Process</li> <li>➤ Policy 3.2</li> <li>➤ Policy 3.5</li> <li>➤ Policy 3.6.B.3 should be corrected (board meeting or hearing)</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Cross Walk of ARs to Policies- Progress</b>
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Community Service Regulations, Instructional Service Regulations and Human Resources Regulations are complete.</li> <li>• The Operational Regulations and Student Services Regulations should be complete by the next meeting.</li> </ul> <p>The Cross Walk of the ARs should be presented at the Work Session. The ARs would be reviewed quarterly, but a request to have them ahead of time was made.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion of Code of Conduct</b>
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was stated that a copy of what the SCSBA’s endorsed as their model for Board Member Code of Conduct be compared to our current policy. It was also discussed the purpose for comparing the policies, when our current policies were just voted on. It was felt that there was room for cleaning up the existing policy for clarity.</li> <li>• Much discussion on how and why this policy is being looked at again. It was stated that a considerable amount of time was being spent on other policies for reconsideration, so due diligence should be given to this one as well.</li> <li>• There was discussion on what is consider rights of a board member when expressing personal opinion and the rights of the board members not to undermine a board decision.</li> <li>• There was discussion over the Policy 3.4 and Policy 3.5.C.</li> <li>• Discussion on the Board having the rights to regulate itself as Board members.</li> <li>• There was also discussion on the method of discipline alternatives and the definition of the type of letter at a board member received. Rather it was public censor, public communication or an order.</li> <li>• The committee believes that there is something missing in the policy 3.5 concerning discipline and the progression of communication and discipline.</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>SCSBA Review - Update</b>
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Striebinger stated that he contacted the SCSBA and that there will be a charge to review our policies, but they would provide an estimate.</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Set Next Steps/Schedule</b>
Highlights	The next meeting to be determined.
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 6:30

(Signature on Official File Copy) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: April 24, 2017  
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