Bourne School Committee Meeting
Policy Sub Committee
November 12, 2013

Members Present: Matthew Stuck, Jay O'Hara
Meeting called to order at 5:45 PM

Accepted Minutes from 9/10/13

1. Reviewed Policy BGB 'Policy Adoption' with no recommended changes at this time.

2. Reviewed Policy BDE 'Subcommittees of the School Committee'. The latest revision from 05 September 2012 needs to be posted on the web site in place of the existing one. Matt will bring copies of the updated BDE to School Committee meeting for distribution & review. The recommendation will be made to retire BDE-R if it is incorporated in to the existing BDE (dtd 05 Sep 12).

3. Reviewed Policy ID 'School Day' draft revision for changes and edits from the September meeting. Policy will be distributed for School Committee Review at the next meeting. Policy Sub will review feedback at the next Policy Sub meeting. Anticipate Action Item at the December School Committee Meeting.

4. Reviewed current Policy IB 'Academic Freedom'. Superintendent and subcommittee members could find few current samples of substantive policies concerning academic freedom, other than curricular recommendation, and none which contained content other than that which appears on the MASC web site. The current iteration of Policy IB does not add value to the concept of Academic Freedom and Policy Sub recommends that it be retired at next School Committee meeting.

5. Reviewed draft policy revision of ICA: School Calendar following the October distribution at School Committee. No feedback was received from School Committee members, the public or staff. Policy will be recommended for approval at next School Committee meeting. Item 2: Transportation Policy Review.

6. Review Policy IE 'Organization of Instruction' feedback from Curriculum Sub. Laura will bring feedback to the next Policy Sub.

7. Review Policy IGBH 'Alternative Programs' feedback from the Director of Student Services. Jay will email Christina Stuart to collect any recommended changes.

8. Discuss IGA 'Curriculum Development'. Reviewed the existing policy. Policy is a broad statement which generalizes collaboration, with no requirement on curriculum review cycles or other specific expectation in the district. Policy should be redrafted to include definition of terms (curriculum and program of studies, at least) – we may consider drafting policy IG 'Curriculum' first, an appropriate review cycle and

expectations, and desired stakeholders. Redraft at next Policy Sub with intent to fwd to Curriculum Sub for review.

9. Discuss IGD 'Curriculum Adoption'. Reviewed the existing policy. Current policy provides only general process discussion, and the expectation that the School Committee will be alerted to substantive changes in the curriculum. There is no mention of a BMS program of studies or curriculum at the elementary levels, how the programs of studies supports the curriculum, or that curriculum is expected to be aligned from K-12. Policy should lay out the expectations of what needs to be approved by School Committee and how. Redraft at next Policy Sub with intent to fwd to Curriculum Sub for review.

10. Future agenda items: Review ID 'School Day', Review Curriculum Sub feedback for IE 'Organization of Instruction, Review Student Services feedback of Policy IGBH 'Alternative Programs', Redraft IGA, Redraft IGD, Consider possible IG, Discuss IHA 'Basic Instructional Program', Discuss IHAI 'Occupational Instruction'

Adjourned at 7:05

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 11/19 at 5:30 and Regular Policy Sub on Monday 12/9 at 5:30.