

**MINUTES**  
**Policy Committee**  
Monday, September 21, 2020  
5:00 p.m. Via Zoom

**Committee Members Present:**

Janet Morgan  
George Bauer  
Jim Crocker  
Pam Zmek

**Also Present:**

Dr. Joseph Olzacki, Superintendent  
Mark Harutunian  
Patricia Paige, Board Clerk

**Call to order**

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**Discussion of Policy:**

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the *Operation of Schools During Covid-19 Pandemic* Policy that was approved on August 3, 2020, specifically item 6 on page 4. The entry currently states that “Educators, while teaching, may remove masks if properly distancing (beyond six feet) or remaining static behind a physical barrier at their desk (e.g., Plexiglas).” Although not breaking policy, some have expressed concerns of others not wearing their masks; therefore, it was the recommendation of Dr. Olzacki to make the language less cloudy.

There was discussion on suitable phrasing that would provide the most clarity in varying occurrences throughout the school day i.e. lunch breaks, teaching, etc.

Members of the policy committee will make a recommendation to the full board that the language in item 6 be revised to read, “The only time a Region 14 staff member may remove their mask is when they are alone and in a closed classroom or office”. The recommendation will be brought before the entire board at the regular board meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. this evening.

**Plan Next Meeting Steps**

Plans are to meet the second regular Board of Education meeting date of the month at 6:00 p.m., just prior to the regular meeting of the board. The first order of business is to complete packet 4.

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**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. George Bauer and seconded by Ms. Pam Zmek to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Paige". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Patricia Paige  
Board Clerk

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