

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 with a large initial "P".

Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

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