

Minutes of the Bylaws/Policy/Ethics Committee of the Board of Education
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Monday, December 23, 2013

Start: 6:34 pm End: 7:30 pm

In attendance were Chairman John Swendsen, Carol Ann Brown, Jody Goeler, reporter Mike Preato, and BoE clerk Deb Carlton

1. Discussion on updating the 2000 series included posting the policies deemed "ok" by Attorney Scott to the website, reviewing several with the leadership team, and considering several for deletion. A new policy regarding firearms will be referred to the ad hoc safety committee at their 1/24/14 meeting.
2. Agenda format – Mr. Swendsen shared a sample of what the board chair would like to see included as standing board agenda items. Attorney Sommaruga has reviewed this and suggests adding specific topics, when known, for the following items: Strategic Plan Status/Update, Facilities/Finance/Operations Update, Safety Update, and New Business – as is currently done. Committee members expressed concern over the lack of prior agenda items, such as old business and committee reports, but concluded that these could be incorporated into some of the new agenda categories. The committee also addressed the need to revise the board bylaw listing items to be included on board agendas. Legal counsel will be consulted about whether the bylaw can say the agenda "may" include the following items, and whether the board can reserve the right to change the agenda as warranted, in order to make it more flexible.
3. Background checks – the board currently has a policy regarding checking volunteers, but an administrative regulation is needed for how to handle instances of a positive check.

Mr. Goeler also mentioned the policy regarding graduation requirements is not yet ready to bring to the board.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Swendsen

John Swendsen, Chair