

Policy/Bylaws Committee Meeting

Date: November 22, 2011

Time: 6:00 - 7:05 PM

Present: John Chapman, George Bauer, Charles Cosgriff (ex-officio), Jody Goeler

1. A draft policy for the SAFE SCHOOL CLIMATE PLAN has been prepared and edited by Shipman & Goodwin attorneys. This draft policy was discussed at length. The actions that will be taken as a result of the discussion are as follows:

- Jody to contact S&G to obtain a clean copy of the document electronically. This will be edited to include a DRAFT watermark, date, and reference policy number. Committee chair will distribute to full board prior to the next meeting and place item on New Business for discussion at December 5, 2011 regular meeting.
- Jody will contact S&G to confirm what exactly must be submitted to the State by January 1, 2012, and will also discuss specific language in the policy as it relates to the policy and regulation which encompass the "Plan".

2. The Committee agreed to the above actions to be taken, and to recommend that full board action be taken in order to comply with the requisite policy being approved within the required timeframe set forth by the State.

3. George Bauer attended a recent event sponsored by CAFE regarding policy developments. Many good ideas were obtained, and it was suggested that a summary of the good points be presented by George to the full board over a couple of meetings. All were in agreement and felt this would be a worthwhile effort, perhaps tying into the District goal that was developed by the BOE earlier this year. George also mentioned the advice given by CAFE to ensure that the new Safe School Climate policy does not conflict or overlaps with other policies such as Harassment or Non-Discrimination.

4. Upcoming policies that will be potentially high priority as they relate to ongoing legislative efforts include Child Abuse/Neglect and Childhood Immunization, and also the Acceptable Use policy regarding technology.

Respectfully Submitted,

*John Chapman*

John Chapman, Chair