

Lehigh Area School District
1000 Union Street
Lehigh, PA 18235

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 6:45 PM
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES



1. Opening Exercises

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Call to Order

The Policy Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:48 PM

C. Roll Call

PR/AB

PR	Mr. David F. Bradley
PR	Mrs. Rita Spinelli
AB	Mr. Larry Stern

Also Present:

Jonathan Cleaver, Superintendent
Janine Partenio, Recording Secretary
Melissa Volcskai

Barbara Bowes, Brian Shaner, and an additional community member

2. Policy Review

A. First Reading of Policies

815 - Acceptable Use Of Technology and Electronic Resources (will replace current 815)

J. Cleaver proposed a new version of Policy 815 to replace the current Policy 815. He mentioned that it would replace the policy since it has a new title and there is no way to show an adjustment of the title. He also mentioned that this policy is more robust for the 1:1 rollout of technology for students. He said it mentions updated compliances as well as addresses email accounts since students have been issued emails as of March of 2020. He also explained that it addresses employees as well and there is an attachment for employee sign-off.

D. Bradley had an issue with J. Cleaver running the meeting and did not agree with the policy as it was written.

R. Spinelli mentioned how the policies were vetted by numerous people and a blanket policy was issued from PSBA.

B. Bowes did not agree with the email section of policy 815 and felt the District should not have the right to destroy emails due to right to know law. She felt it violated District Policy 801. She also questioned the scan code in the High School. M. Volcskai said students may utilize the cameras on the chromebooks that were issued to students in order to scan codes to leave the room they are in. A community member felt students would not use their chromebooks to scan and they needed to come up with a better idea for students that do not have cell phones.

D. Bradley did not agree with the policy process. He was looking for better enforcement of violations of policies and did not agree with the use of the word "may." He discussed the mandate of parental notification and disciplinary action for employees. He asked if the policy was reviewed by legal counsel with a legal opinion. J. Cleaver and R. Spinelli explained how the policies were recommended by PSBA and their legal team reviewed the policies. D. Bradley began arguing with R. Spinelli.

815.2 - Use of District Network and Internet (New Policy)

D. Bradley continued to argue. B. Bowes mentioned how 815.2 had a typo and believed it should have stated "not" Permissible (instead of permissible) and had the same issue with 815.2 as Policy 815 with the destruction of emails and the violation of Policy 801. R. Spinelli left the meeting at 7:25 PM.

J. Cleaver could not continue to discuss policies so he ended the Policy Committee Meeting at 7:28 PM. No other Policies were discussed and D. Bradley remained in the Boardroom with his electronic equipment.

816 - Use of Livestream Video on School District Property (New Policy)

B. Second Reading and Final Approval of Policies

140.1 - Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students

815.1 - Use of District Owned Technology (New Policy)

C. Rescinding of Policies

815 - Acceptable Use of Communications and Information Systems

Will be rescinded upon implementation of 815 - Acceptable Use of Technology and Electronic Resources