



Policy Standing Committee Meeting – September 4, 2014

Roll Call

Present: Jason Reifsnnyder (representing the Administration); Scott Schuyler and Lewis Shaw (Citizen Advisors), Brian Shiflett, Heidi Eby (for Jay Franklin), Andrea Abruzzo (for Bruce Hancock) and Maryellen Sheehan (Board Members); Terry Singer (Member of Public)

Members not in attendance were: Jayanth Franklin, Bruce Hancock, and Catherine Rowe-Wagner

1. Election of Chair

Minutes: As of July 1, 2014, Brian Shiflett assumed chairmanship of the Finance Committee as part of the Treasurer's duties. Mr. Shiflett is also chair of General Services committee and has informed the board president that he intends to resign the chairmanship of the Policy Committee to better balance the board workload. The committee recommends we defer the election of a new committee chair until after a full board discussion.

2. Review of Summary Minutes

Minutes: The committee approved the June 12, 2014, Policy Committee summary meeting minutes.

3. New Business (Policies Under Review)

Minutes: Mr. Reifsnnyder noted that during this meeting, the committee is primarily reviewing 100-series policies driven by changes to PDE Chapter 4 regulation revisions made official in February 2014. Some of these policies were recently updated by the committee and board, but the PSBA model policy updates reflecting the Chapter 4 revisions were not available at that time.

This school year the committee will review 200-level policies (Students) as well as the 300, 400 and 500 series of employee-related policies (see agenda item 5.2). Once those are finished, the comprehensive policy review effort will be complete, likely by the end of the school year. The committee should consider what tasks it should undertake, including reviewing PSBA policy updates. Mr. Reifsnnyder noted that the board will be reviewing job descriptions.

3.1 Policy 100 Strategic Plan

Minutes: The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

3.2 Policy 101 Philosophy of Education

Minutes: The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

3.3 Policy 102 Academic Standards

Minutes: The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

3.4 Policy 105 Curriculum Development

Minutes: The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

3.5 Policy 105.1 Curriculum Review

Minutes: The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

3.6 Policy 106 Guides for Planned Instruction

Minutes: The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

3.7 Policy 107 Adoption of Planned Instruction

Minutes: The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

The committee asked the Administration to determine whether the board is approving programs of planned instruction on an on-going basis.

3.8 Policy 108 Adoption of Textbooks

Minutes: The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

Mr. Reifsnnyder will research applicable Public School Code language regarding the permitted times of the year the board is authorized to approve textbooks for use during the next school year.

3.9 Policy 109 Resource Material

Minutes: The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

3.10 Policy 113 Special Education

Minutes: The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

3.11 Policy 114 Gifted Education

Minutes: The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

3.12 Policy 119 Controversial Issues

Minutes: The committee recommends no revisions to the policy at this time. The board re-affirmed Policy 119 on February 24, 2014.

3.13 Policy 124 Summer School

Minutes: The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

3.14 Policy 146 Student Services

Minutes: The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

3.15 Policy 203.1 HIV Infection

Minutes: The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

3.16 Policy 217 Graduation Requirements

Minutes: The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

3.17 Policy 701 Facilities Planning

Minutes: The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

3.18 Policy 815 Acceptable Use of Technology

Minutes: Proposed revisions considered by last year's committee have been reviewed by the District Solicitor. The revisions add definitions of key terms and refine many of the guidelines.

The committee recommends the revised policy to the full board for 30-day review.

4. Policy to be Revoked

4.1 Policy 919 District School Report Cards

Minutes: The committee recommends to the full board that Policy 919 be placed on 30-day review for revocation.

5. Discussion Items

5.1 Voluntary Drug Testing Policy

Minutes: Recommend the topic be further discussed in other forum, including BAT meetings.

5.2 Consolidation of 300, 400 & 500 Policies

Minutes: PSBA is recommending that the 300, 400 & 500 series of policies be codified into a single series. Where existing policies differ between employee groups, those differences will be identified within a policy document applicable to all employees. The

committee recommends that the 300, 400 & 500 series of policies be consolidated this school year. The effort mirrors recent PSBA policy practice and has the potential to reduce future policy management tasks.

The meeting adjourned at 5:38pm