



Policy Standing Committee Meeting

November 13, 2017, 5:00PM, District Office Board Room

Summary Minutes

1. Call to Order

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Brian Shiflett, Committee Chair.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: John Abel, Brian Shiflett, Kathy Sicher and Terry Singer (Board Members); Beth Olmsted Sudhir Kumar and Robert Weil (Citizen Advisors)

Members of Staff/Public Present: Jason Reifsnnyder (Representing the Administration); Anthony Potter, Matthew Groff and Tiffany Rendall (Members of Public)

Members Absent: Serdar Ural (Citizen Advisor)

3. Approval of Summary Minutes

Minutes: On a motion made by Kathy Sicher, seconded by Terry Singer, the September 11, 2017, Policy Standing Committee summary meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

4. Revised/Reviewed Policies

a. Policy 103 Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices

Minutes: Mr. Reifsnnyder explained that the revisions reflect the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) latest recommended policy updates. Mrs. Sicher proposed an expanded definition of sexual harassment, including examples. Mr. Reifsnnyder explained PSBA is recommending merging Policy 248, Discriminatory Harassment, with Policy 103. Policy 248 is another policy which defines sexual harassment. Mr. Reifsnnyder also explained that the District's memorandum of understanding with the Derry Township Police Department defines when and how the District reports matters to the police.

The committee recommended upon the review of the solicitor, an expanded definition should be considered as a policy attachment. The chair asked Mrs. Sicher to document her questions and suggestions for solicitor review related to the policy and send those to Mr. Reifsnnyder, along with the question of using the terms "gender" versus "sex" in the definition of sexual harassment.

On a motion by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Abel, the revised policy is recommended to the full board for 30-day review approval.

b. Policy 103.1 Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students With Disabilities

Minutes: Mr. Reifsnnyder explained that the revisions reflect PSBA's latest recommended policy updates. On a motion by Mrs. Sicher, seconded by Mr. Abel, the revised policy is recommended to the full board for 30-day

review approval.

c. Policy 104 Nondiscrimination in Employment/Contract Practices

Minutes: Mr. Reifsnnyder explained that the PSBA recommendations are consistent with the proposed changes to Policies 103 and 103.1, and PSBA is recommending merging Policy 348, Discriminatory Harassment, with Policy 104. Mrs. Sicher recommends that whatever further revisions we make for Policy 103 we incorporate in Policy 104. On a motion by Mrs. Sicher, seconded by Mr. Abel, the revised policy is recommended to the full board for 30-day review approval.

d. Policy 122 Extracurricular Activities

Minutes: Mr. Reifsnnyder explained that the intent of the administration is to post announcements of new clubs on the informational section of the board agenda, rather than the current practice of the board approving new clubs. Mrs. Sicher proposed additional language for the Equal Access Act section, and that language will be forwarded to the solicitor for review. The committee discussed other minor language suggestions. On a motion by Mrs. Sicher, seconded by Mr. Abel, the revised policy is recommended to the full board for 30-day review approval.

e. Policy 201 Admission of Students

Minutes: Mr. Reifsnnyder explained that the revisions are intended to clarify the definition of the first two weeks of school. On a motion by Mrs. Sicher, seconded by Mr. Abel, the revised policy is recommended to the full board for 30-day review approval.

f. Policy 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

Minutes: Mr. Reifsnnyder explained the revisions have been reviewed by the District's Student Services Articulation committee, which consists of our school nurse, Psychological Services Department, School Counseling Department, and the Director of Safe and Supportive Schools. Note that the revisions are intended for Policy 819.1, not Policy 819. On a motion by Mrs. Sicher, seconded by Mr. Singer, the revised policy is recommended to the full board for 30-day review approval.

5. New Policy

a. Policy 150 Title I - Comparability of Services

Minutes: On a motion by Mrs. Sicher, seconded by Mr. Singer, the new policy is recommended to the full board for 30-day review approval.

6. Unfinished Business

Minutes: The meeting time ended prior to addressing the Unfinished Business items. The items will appear on the next meeting agenda.

a. Policy 217 Graduation Requirements

b. Policy 707 Use of School Facilities

c. Policy 623.1 TIF

7. Public Comment

Minutes: Anthony Potter and Matthew Groff, President and Treasurer of Hershey Soccer Club, respectively, intended to make comments regarding Policy 707, Use of School Facilities. Because the committee will address the policy as unfinished business at an upcoming meeting, Mr. Shiflett asked Mr. Potter and Mr. Groff to submit their input in writing to Mr. Reifsnnyder, which will be shared with the committee members ahead of the next

meeting.

Tiffany Rendall, a mother of a DTSD Kindergarten student, was referred to the Policy committee by the ECC Principal and Dr. Winslow. She has a proposal for a hybrid part-time home-schooling program. Mr. Shiflett asked her to submit her input in writing to Mr. Reifsnyder, which will be shared with the committee members ahead of the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

Minutes: Mr. Shiflett recommended that the next board consider scheduling an additional committee meeting to address the unfinished business items. The next Policy Standing Committee meeting will be held February 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. On a motion by John Abel, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:06 p.m.