

**Derry Township School District**  
**Policy Standing Committee Meeting**  
**January 22, 2018**

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**1. Call to Order**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Sicher, Interim Committee Chair.

**2. Roll Call**

**Minutes**

Members Present: Kathy Sicher, Kip Shaw, Tricia Steiner (Board Members); Robert Weil, Beth Olmsted, Serdar Ural, Sudhir Kumar (Citizen Advisors)

Members of Staff/Public Present: Jason Reifsnyder (Representing the Administration); Maribeth Briggs, Andrew Briggs (Members of the Public)

Members Absent: Jennifer Mysel (Board Member)

**3. Elect Committee Chairperson**

**Minutes**

Mrs. Steiner was nominated for Committee Chair by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Sicher and unanimously approved.

**4. Approval of Summary Minutes**

**Minutes**

Mrs. Sicher explained that the policies from the November 13, 2017 meeting agenda that were recommended to the full board for 30-day review approval were kept on the Policy Committee agenda for January 22, 2018 in light of the reorganization of new Board Members. On a motion made by Mrs. Sicher, seconded by Mr. Shaw, the November 13, 2017 Policy Standing Committee summary minutes were approved.

**5. Revised/Reviewed Policies**

**a. Policy 103 Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices**

**Minutes**

Mrs. Steiner proposed that the order and language of protected classes for nondiscrimination that is listed throughout the Policy Manual be revised for consistency starting with Policy 103 and 104. Mrs. Steiner also proposed including "gender identity or expression" as a protected group listed for nondiscrimination. Mr. Reifsnyder recommended that the solicitor review the proposed list of protected classes.

Needed wording changes regarding the Policy 103 Attachment were discussed as well as questions regarding the Investigative Report and Appeal Procedure. On a motion by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Sicher, the committee recommended to keep Policy 103 on the agenda for the next Policy Committee meeting.

**b. Policy 103.1 Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students With Disabilities**

**Minutes**

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

**c. Policy 104 Nondiscrimination in Employment/Contract Practices**

**Minutes**

Mrs. Sicher recommended that the proposed nondiscrimination list of protected classes listed in Policy 104 reflect the same list in Policy 103, upon review of the solicitor. Language inconsistencies between Policy 104 and 103 were discussed. On a motion by Mrs. Sicher, seconded by Mr. Shaw, the committee recommended to keep Policy 104 on the agenda for the next Policy Committee meeting.

**d. Policy 122 Extracurricular Activities**

**Minutes**

Mr. Reifsnyder explained that the intent of the administration is to post announcements of new clubs approved by the Superintendent on the informational section of the board agenda, rather than the current practice of having the Board approve new clubs. On a motion by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Sicher, the revised policy is recommended to the full board for 30-day review approval.

**e. Policy 201 Admission of Students**

**Minutes**

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

**f. Policy 819.1 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response**

**Minutes**

Mr. Reifsnyder explained the revisions were recommended by PSBA for Policy 819.1 not Policy 819. Mrs. Steiner questioned why the list of Risk Factors and Warning Signs had been eliminated from the proposed policy as well as a reduction in the list of Suicide Awareness and Prevention Resources. Mrs. Sicher recommended more time to review the differences between the current and proposed policies. On a motion by Mrs. Sicher, seconded Mr. Shaw, the committee recommended to keep Policy 819.1 on the agenda for the next Policy Committee meeting.

**6. Unfinished Business**

**a. Policy 217 Graduation Requirements**

**Minutes**

The meeting time ended prior to addressing Policy 217. This policy will appear on the next meeting agenda.

**b. Policy 707 Use of School Facilities**

**Minutes**

Mr. Reifsnyder explained that the administration was tasked with creating a facility usage policy that would limit the usage of school district fields for tournaments, including a fee structure and categories for managing requesting groups. It was discussed that this policy is highly restrictive and would limit community use. Mrs. Sicher commented that she wants kids to play sports and be able to use our fields. Discussion further included possibilities for revisions of the fee schedule, expanding the requesting categories, and the request for facilities approval process. Due to time and the presence of members of the public, a motion was moved by Mrs. Sicher and seconded by Mr. Shaw to hear Public Comment regarding Policy 707. Following Public Comments, a motion was made by Mrs. Sicher, seconded by Mr. Shaw to keep Policy 707 on the agenda for the next Policy Committee meeting.

**c. Policy 623.1 TIF**

**Minutes**

The meeting time ended prior to addressing Policy 623.1. This policy will appear on the next meeting agenda.

**7. New Policies**

**a. Policy 150 Title I - Comparability of Services**

**Minutes**

The meeting time ended prior to addressing Policy 150. This policy will appear on the next meeting agenda.

**8. Public Comment**

**Minutes**

Maribeth Briggs on behalf of Hershey Soccer Club and Andrew Briggs on behalf of the Hershey Lacrosse Youth Board both spoke in opposition to Policy 707.

**9. Adjournment**

**Minutes**

The next Policy Standing Committee meeting will be held February 12, 208 at 5:00 in the District Office Board Room. On a motion by Mrs. Sicher, seconded by Mr. Shaw, the meeting was adjourned with unanimous consent at 6:05 pm.

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