



## **POLICY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

4/23/2018 [5:00PM-6:00PM] @ School Board Room

---

- POLICY STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING -

### **1. Call to Order**

#### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm by Tricia Steiner, Committee Chair.

### **2. Roll Call**

#### **Minutes**

Members Present: Kip Shaw, Kathy Sicher, Tricia Steiner, John Abel (Board Members); Beth Olmsted (Citizen Advisor)

Members of Staff/Public Present: Jason Reifsnyder (Representing the Administration); Maria Memmi (speaking as a public citizen)

Members Absent: Sedar Ural, Robert Weil, Sudhir Kumar (Citizen Advisors)

It was announced that there is a vacant Committee seat for a Board Member. A motion was made by Mrs. Sicher, seconded by Dr. Shaw to allow Mr. Abel to fill this temporary vacancy with the understanding that Mr. Abel will be approved as a Policy Committee Member by the full Board later tonight. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **3. Approval of Summary Minutes**

#### **Minutes**

With no discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Sicher the February 12, 2018 Policy Standing Committee summary minutes were unanimously approved.

### **4. Unfinished Business**

#### **Minutes**

Most of these policies include language that was recommended at a full board meeting and adopted in our nondiscrimination policy.

#### **a. Policy 140 Charter Schools**

##### **Minutes**

Since the changes in the nondiscrimination language are the same for Policy 140 and Policy 202, it was suggested that both policies be approved with one motion.

On a motion by Mrs. Sicher, seconded by Dr. Shaw, the revised policies were unanimously recommended to the full Board for 30-day review approval.

#### **b. Policy 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students**

##### **Minutes**

Refer to item 4a.

**c. Policy 217 Graduation Requirements**

**Minutes**

Board participation at Graduation was discussed regarding handing out diplomas and reserved seating.

A motion was made by Dr. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Sicher to allow for public comment during the discussion, and was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Dr. Shaw to amend the policy statement to state that Board Members are strongly encouraged to attend and eliminate the option for Board Members to present diplomas. It was seconded by Mr. Abel and unanimously recommended to the full Board for 30-day review approval.

**d. Policy 218 Student Discipline**

**Minutes**

Policy 218, 808.1 and 913.1 all include the same modified nondiscrimination language previously adopted by the full Board.

A motion to recommend all three policies to the full Board for 30-day review approval was made by Mrs. Sicher, seconded by Dr. Shaw, and unanimously approved.

**e. Policy 808.1 Free/Reduced-Price Meals and Free Milk**

**Minutes**

Refer to item 4d.

**f. Policy 913.1 Commercial Partnerships and Sponsorships**

**Minutes**

Refer to item 4d.

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

**Minutes**

Based on discussion questions from the previous Policy Committee meeting, Mr. Reifsnyder recommended more clarification for classifications (school activities, non-profit, for-profit) to make it easier for the Administration and Buildings and Grounds to manage.

Some specific details were mentioned with minor amendment suggestions. It was noted that the revised policy (including the Schedule of Rental and Fees) should not go into effect until January 3, 2019 to provide adequate notice. Applying the new policy based on the application date versus the scheduled event dates was discussed. It was decided that the revised policy would go into effect following full Board approval and the revised fees would go into effect for all events scheduled after January 3, 2019.

On a motion made by Dr. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Sicher, the revised policy with suggested amendments was unanimously recommended to the full Board for 30-day review approval.

**5. Revised/Reviewed Policies**

**a. Policy 105 Curriculum**

**Minutes**

Mr. Reifsnyder explained the changes in language of policy 105, 138 and 906 are all

recommended by PSBA to comply with new federal guidelines.  
On a motion made by Mrs. Sicher, seconded by Dr. Shaw, policies 105, 138 and 906 were unanimously recommended to the full Board for 30-day review approval.

**b. Policy 138 Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners**

**Minutes**

Refer to item 5a.

**c. Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying**

**Minutes**

To comply with the PA Code of reviewing the policy every 3 years, Mr. Reifsnnyder explained that the following recommended sentence was needed at this time. "The Board will review the Superintendent's recommendations and if needed revise the policy in order to be in compliance with the annual Safe Schools report." It was noted that this policy will be reviewed more in depth in the future.

On a motion made by Mrs. Sicher, seconded by Dr. Shaw, the revised policy was unanimously recommended to the full Board for 30-day review approval.

**d. Policy 906 Public Complaints Procedures**

**Minutes**

Refer to item 5a.

**e. Policy 918 Title I Parental and Family Engagement**

**Minutes**

Mr. Reifsnnyder explained the major rewrite of this policy is recommended by PSBA to comply with new federal guidelines.

On a motion made by Mrs. Sicher, seconded by Dr. Shaw, the revised policy was unanimously recommended to the full Board for 30-day review approval.

**6. New Policies**

**Minutes**

Time did not allow for discussion of new policies.

**7. Policies for Future Discussion**

**Minutes**

Time did not allow for discussion of policies for future discussion.

**a. Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying**

**b. Policy 623.1 TIF**

**c. Gender Identity and Expression**

**8. Focus Areas 2018-2019**

**Minutes**

Focus Areas were briefly discussed in the limited amount of time left.

1. Review Board Operating Guidelines
2. Continue to review and amend policies based on PSBA recommended changes.
3. Revisit policies that dictate regular review and track for systematic revision.
4. Continue to review and revise policies as issues arise and are recommended by the

Board.

5. Board priorities such as exploring policies related to Safe and Supportive Schools.

## 9. Public Comment

### Minutes

There was no public comment.

## 10. Adjournment

### Minutes

The next Policy Standing Committee meeting will be held September 10, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the District Office Board Room. On a motion by Dr. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Sicher, the meeting was adjourned with unanimous consent at 6:04 pm.