



## POLICY STANDING COMMITTEE

2/8/2021 [5:00PM-6:00PM] @ Board of Directors Room

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### 1. Call to Order

#### Minutes

Mrs. Steiner called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. Due to Pennsylvania's COVID-19 mitigation efforts calling for limits on the number of participants at indoor gatherings, the meeting was conducted both in-person and virtually.

### 2. Roll Call

#### Minutes

**Members Present:** John Abel, Lindsay Drew, Lewis Shaw, Tricia Steiner (Board Members); Chu Ferns, Beth Olmsted (Citizen Advisors)

**Members Present Virtually:** Keith Graham & Nicole Searfoss (Citizen Advisors)

**Staff Members/Public Present:** Michele Agee (Board Secretary), Jason Reifsnyder & Dave Sweigert (Administration)

### 3. Election of Chair

#### Minutes

Dr. Shaw was nominated for Committee Chair by Mr. Abel seconded by Mrs. Drew and unanimously approved.

### 4. Approval of Summary Minutes

#### Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Steiner and a second by Mr. Abel, the November 9, 2020 Policy Standing Committee Meeting Minutes were approved. Mrs. Drew abstained due to her absence from that meeting.

### 5. Unfinished Business

#### Minutes

- None

### 6. Revised/Reviewed Policies

#### a. Policy 103 Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment - School and Classroom Practices

This policy was updated to include the requirement for the school entity to take action upon notification of a student being convicted or adjudicated of sexual assault against another student in the same school.

However, according to Title IX, the school entity cannot discipline a student prior to a written determination but the school can change the placement of a student, for example, placing the student in an online learning program or transfer to another school, which would comply with both federal Title IX and PA School Code 24 P.S. Sec. 13-1318.1 requirements. A new section was added to the policy regarding Discipline/Placement of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault. Please note that there are no revisions to the attachments to Policy 103.

#### **Minutes**

In discussion, it is understood the discipline can be more severe but not less. On a motion by Mrs. Drew, seconded by Mr. Abel, Policy 103 was unanimously recommended to the full Board for 30-day review approval as revised.

### **b. Policy 252 Dating Violence**

This policy was updated to include the requirement in Act 110 of 2020 for the school entity to take action upon notification of a student being convicted or adjudicated of sexual assault against another student in the same school. A new section was added to the policy regarding Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault.

#### **Act 110 of 2020**

[Senate Bill 530](#) was signed into law as Act 110 of 2020 on November 3, 2020, creating a new section of the PA School Code 24 P.S. Sec. 13-1318.1. Act 110 requires schools to remove any student convicted or adjudicated delinquent of sexual assault against another student enrolled at the same school. The school entity is required to expel, transfer or reassign the offender to another school or educational program. The school entity must ensure that the convicted/adjudicated student is not educated in the same school building, transported on the same school vehicle, or permitted to participate in the same school-sponsored activities as the student victim. This law was designed to ensure that students who are the victim of a sexual assault by another student at their school are not re-victimized by seeing their attacker every day at school.

#### **Minutes**

On a motion by Mrs. Drew, seconded by Mr. Abel, Policy 252 was unanimously recommended to the full Board for 30-day review approval as revised.

## **7. New Policies**

### **a. Policy 218.3 Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault**

This is a NEW policy drafted to comply with the provisions of Act 110 of 2020.

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#### **Minutes**

After discussion lead by Ms. Drew, disappointment with this policy, provided by PSBA, as it falls short due to a lack of content. A motion was made by Mr. Abel, seconded by Mrs. Steiner, Policy 218.3 was

recommended to the full Board for 30-day review approval. This policy will fall under Unfinished Business as well for further review.

#### **b. Policy 142 Migrant Students**

##### **Minutes**

After discussion, a motion by Ms. Drew followed by a second from Mr. Abel, policy 142 was approved to be amended with the following:

1- **Authority** - The Board establishes a program to address the needs and provide appropriate **and equitable** services to migrant students attending district schools.

2- **Change wording in #3** from **vocational education** to **career and technical**

3- **Legal - Add #11** reference of **Policy #832**

On a motion by Ms. Drew, seconded by Mr. Abel, Policy 142 was unanimously recommended to the full Board for 30-day review approval as amended.

### **8. Revocation of Policies**

#### **a. Policy 248 Discriminatory Harassment**

##### **Minutes**

On a motion by Mr. Abel, followed with a second by Mrs. Steiner, Policy 248 will be deleted to archive.

#### **b. Policy 348 Discriminatory Harassment**

##### **Minutes**

On a motion by Mr. Abel, followed with a second by Mrs. Steiner, Policy 248 will be deleted to archive.

### **9. Discussion**

#### **a. Policy 004.1 Student Representatives to the School Board**

##### **Minutes**

Mrs. Steiner asked for consideration to be given to rewrite policy 004.1 for student representatives to allow for a broader selection of students to be considered. It was brought to the committee's attention, by Mr. Reifsnnyder, for this to be changed in time to affect this year's selection of students it would need to be re-written tonight to go to the full board.

The following items are what is being considered:

##### **Qualifications-**

-No longer required to have one student from Student Council with the other from the student body at large- requirement removed.

-Change GPA requirement from 85% to 80%.

-Discipline will be cumulative during time enrolled and not beyond a level 1 violation of the HHS student hand book. No longer per NHS guidelines.

-Add the School Board President or Designee to the selection committee.

-Add to selection process -

DTSD is committed to inclusion and diversity. The selection committee will be sensitive to implicit biases and an anti-racist, anti-sexist selection process. Attention will be paid to ensuring student representatives include students who historically get overlooked for leadership opportunities such as this.

##### **Responsibilities -**

Change -

Student Representatives shall be willing and able to attend all public and work sessions, except sessions concerning personnel, litigation, or real estate.

To -

Student Representatives shall be willing and able to attend all public meetings.  
On a motion by Mr. Able and a second by Mrs. Steiner, Policy 004.1 was approved as amended to move to the full board for approval.

## **10. Public Comment**

### **Minutes**

There were no members of the public present.

## **11. Adjournment**

### **Minutes**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m. The next Policy Meeting will be held on May 10, 2021.