



**Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 30, 2022**

Attendees: Dr. William McKersie, Dr. Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Melissa Szymanski

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 PM by Dr. McKersie:

Alex Dal Piaz opened the meeting by raising his question on *Policy 8505 - "Charging" School Meals and Prohibition Against Shaming*, to get a clearer understanding of what changes were made. Maureen Caraballo gave an overview of the redlines to the policy along with a brief history of the charge policy of the school. The ala carte items such as snacks and juices are separate and incur charges, the purpose of the policy is to note a limit on charges. Dr. McKersie noted that Maureen needs the ability from a policy standpoint to manage the financial aspect of it, he also noted that the focus of the policy is to prohibit shaming against students. Doreen noted that item #1 - suggests we remove the word "reimbursable" and noted "such charges to be capped at \$100.00" is not clear. Suggests rewording to make it more clear. Committee also agrees that the amounts by which the student's account balance falls below need to be adjusted and defined. Committee agrees to move forward with the policy with the proposed changes. Policy to be brought forward for first read at the April 4, 2022 Board of Education meeting.

Alex Dal Piaz raised the following two policies that were recommended for rescinding (*Policy No. 2112 - Principles for School Board Members & Policy No. 2240 - Superintendent-Board of Education Relations*) and asked if there is a way to preserve them elsewhere if they are not active policies. Alex agrees to rescind them as recommended by NYSSBA, however, he feels they should live elsewhere. The committee agreed to rescind the policy and discuss sharing these "principles" on the website.

The committee discussed *Policy No. 2210 - Annual Organizational Meeting*. Alex suggested we bring this to the full board to compare the list of appointments and designations and advise whether any additional appointments and/or designations should be included.

Alex suggested we move *Policy No. 2120.2 - Voting* to the next meeting on April 27, 2022 and the committee agreed.

With regard to *Policy No. 2342 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination* - it was explained that the reason for re-opening the policy was the need to establish the number of days in which a person who wishes to suggest items of business for the agenda will need to submit to the Superintendent. Dr. Lang raised the mention of "Board member" in the second paragraph. Dr. McKersie noted he will bring her concern back to Suzanne for review. As far as the number of days, the suggestion was 7 days for the first number and 5 days for the second number and the committee agreed. After review by Counsel, policy will be brought back at the April 27, 2022 Policy Committee meeting for review.

Committee reviewed and approved the minutes for the February 16, 2022 Policy Committee meeting.

Next meeting on April 27, 2022:

- 2245 - Student Liaison Representative
- 2342 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
- 2120.2 - Voting
- Additional Policies To Be Determined

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM.

Melissa DeLaBarrera

Submitted by:
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