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## BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

**Date:** Wednesday, November 18, 2020

**Attendees:** Valerie Henning-Piedmonte, Superintendent of Schools  
Melissa Szymanski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum &  
Instruction, Lauren Berman, President, Board of Education,  
Franziska Goodman, Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent of  
Schools

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The virtual meeting began at 3:05 p.m. via Google Meet

### **New Business:**

- **Review of policies recommended by NYSBBA to consider rescinding:**
  - Policy 2100 - School District and Board of Education Legal Status:
    - Recommended by Suzanne to combine into Policy 2110 - District and Board of Education Legal Status and Authority.
  - Policy 0350 - Evaluation and the Instructional Program:
    - References NYS Code Rules of Regulations Section 100.2, which is no longer relevant
    - Language contained in Policy 3120 - Superintendent of School - under section 1D
    - Policy 0350 can be rescinded, as it currently exists in Policy 3120 under responsibilities of Superintendent

- Policy 1600 - Relations with the Municipal Governments:
  - Does not need to be a stand alone policy
  - To be incorporated into Policy 1000 - Community Relations/Relations with Other Schools
  
- Policy 2112 - Principles for School Board Members:
  - Falls under the same umbrella as Policy 2121 Board of Education Member Qualifications, Policy 2160 Code of Ethics for All District Employees - which references board members
  - Policy 2112 contains a collection of attributes and set of principles set forth for the board that are not referenced in the code of conduct or in the qualifications
  - Recommended by Suzanne and Valerie that Policy 2112 shall remain as is
  
- Policy 2240 - Superintendent - Board of Education Relations:
  - Education Law Section 1711 lays out the duties of the Superintendent
  - More succinct version of Policy 3120
  - Suzanne felt it's a good idea to articulate and establish the relationship between the Superintendent and the Board
  - Recommended that we keep this policy
  
- Policy 2265 - School Liaison Committees to the Principals:
  - Only policy that mentions school based committee
  - Needs to include some language from Commissions Regulations 100.11
  - Change name to School Based Shared Decision Making Committee
  - Recommended to keep this policy and modify to include language provided by Suzanne
  
- Policy 2530 - Membership in Associations & Policy 2550 - Compensation and Expenses:
  - These live within Policy 2521 - Attendance by Board Members at Conferences, Conventions and Workshops
  - Policy 2521 is missing reference to NYSSBA and WPCSBA - will be incorporated
  - Policy 2550 language lives in 2521 under item C
  - We don't need a standalone policy for Memberships in Associations nor for Compensation and Expenses
  - Policy governing all meals, lodging, mileage and travel is Policy 6830 - Expense Reimbursements for Attendance at Meetings and Conferences

- **Prioritize policies that NYSBBA indicated are missing:**
  - School Board Governance & Operation
  - Administrative Goals & Instructional Goals
  - Online Distance & Remote Learning
  - Student Policies & Goals
  - Fiscal Management Goals
  - Purchasing Procedures
  - Facilities Development Goals
  - Support Services Goals
  - Extreme Risk Protection Orders -Red Flag Law
  - Pandemic Planning
  - Use of District Owned Cell Phone
  - Charging School Meals and Prohibition Against Shaming
  - Free and Reduced Priced Meal Services
  - Personnel Goals
  - Conflicts of Interest

## **Action Items:**

- Make modifications to policies and send to Suzanne for review
- Once reviewed and approved by District Counsel we will present to the Policy Committee
- Upon approval from Policy Committee, will be placed on the Board Agenda for first read

## **Next Meeting:**

- The next virtual meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 3 PM via Google Meet:

Meeting ID

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