



MINUTES
Special Meeting
Policy Committee
Monday, October 16, 2023; 6:30 p.m.
Mitchell Elementary School
Flanders Room

Committee Members Present:

Chris Matta, Chair
Chris Griffin
Caren Lipinski
Alice Jones (arrived 6:50 p.m.)
Jim Crocker, ex-officio

Absent:

N/a

Also Present:

Brian Murphy, Superintendent of Schools
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations
Patricia Paige, Board Clerk

I. Call to order

Chris Matta called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. Policy 3542.43 Charging Policy Food Service (regulation also included)

Ms. Tanguay, the Director of Finance and Operations, oversees the Food Service Program in Region 14 and shared the district's current charging procedure. Periodic messages are sent to parents for those students whose accounts indicate a deficit. Families expressing financial difficulties are encouraged to apply for free and reduced meals. Insufficiencies differ between schools, with the overall deficit on the rise post Covid.

There were many options proposed in the recommended policy; Superintendent Murphy indicated that he would streamline the content and bring it back before the committee at their next meeting.

Policy tabled for next Policy Committee meeting.

III. Policy 5118.1 Homeless Students

Superintendent Murphy performed a quick walk-through of Policy 5118.1. The crux of the policy is that districts should not create any impediments as it relates to educating homeless students. Dina Ericson, the Director of Student Services, serves as Region 14's local liaison.

Chris Matta moved to recommend that Policy 5118.1 be brought to the full board for approval; seconded by Jim Crocker; Alice Jones abstained; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. Policy 5125 Student Records

The policy did not require interpretation or further discussion.

Chris Matta moved to recommend that Policy 5125 be brought to the full board for approval; seconded by Chris Griffin; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

V. Adjournment

Hearing no other business, Chris Matta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m., seconded by Jim Crocker; all in favor; none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

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