



MINUTES
Policy Committee Meeting
November 17, 2021

Attending: Interim Superintendent Akil Ross, Trustee Nikki Gardner, Trustee Ken Loveless, and Trustee Cathy Huddle, Trustee Jan Hammond

Item #1. Chairperson Gardner called the meeting to order promptly at 4:30 P.M.

Item # 2. Trustee Loveless made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2021 Policy Committee Meeting. Trustee Huddle seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

Item # 3. Trustee Huddle made a motion to approve the agenda which was seconded by Trustee Hammond. The motion passed unanimously.

Item # 4. Board Policy BCA Board Member Code of Ethics. (Draft of proposed changes presented) Chairperson Gardner suggested removal in bullet point 10 of refusal to "make statements." Trustee Loveless suggested that delineation between legislative functions and quasi-judicial duties and roles in the policy be made and that ethics be defined in terms of those functions. Interim Superintendent Ross pointed out the benefits of such a plan. A discussion followed about confidentiality in matters discussed in executive session and Censorship. Trustee Huddle suggested a separate policy defining this item.

Item # 5. Board Policy BCB Board Member Conflict of Interest. (Draft of proposed changes presented) A) Nepotism. Trustee Hammond brought up many points from history about what she viewed and the positive and negative aspects of the existing policy. Policy revisions were discussed to enhance and reinforce the separation of Board influence from individual members of administration and staff. B) Volunteering. Dr. Ross said that the key is that no board member may take over any role which puts them in a position to supervise. It was discussed that a present board member has taken a day off work to act a substitute teacher which is an improper role.

Under Other Conflicts of Interest. Trustee Huddle suggested inserting a bullet point stating that a board member will not request special treatment for his or her own children.

Item# 6. Board Policy AE Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment. Trustee Loveless suggested the removal of any reference to the SCSBA from the policy. It was suggested we discuss this policy after the board retreat.

Item # 7 Board Policy DI/DIE (Draft of proposed changes presented) No changes were discussed.

Item # 8. Board Policy FEE Site Acquisition. (Draft of proposed changes presented) It was discussed that the word "Realtor" should be changed in several passages to "Real Estate Professional." It was discussed that the Administration be specifically allowed to enter into Options to Purchase at the time purchase arrangements and recommendations are being explored. Finally, the term "Professional Errors and Omissions Insurance" should be removed and the term "Professional Liability Insurance" should be inserted instead.

Item # 9. Recommendations for future agenda/policy items. The following recommendations were made:

- 1) Revisions to Board Policies concerning authorization and use of attorneys.
- 2) Creating a policy about construction change orders and dollar limits for approval by the board.
- 3) Creating a policy about the use of construction contingency allowances and dollar limits for approval by the board.
- 4) Creating a policy about Crowd Funding.

Item # 10 Adjourn. A motion was made by Trustee Hammond and seconded by Trustee Huddle, The motion passed unanimously and adjournment occurred at 5:35 P.M.