



MINUTES
Policy Committee Meeting
District Office Board Room, February 23, 2022

Those in attendance included Nikki Gardner-Committee Chairwoman, Ken Loveless-Board Vice Chair; Dr. Akil Ross, Superintendent. The meeting was open to the public and was live-streamed.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Committee Chairwoman Gardner. The minutes and agenda were both approved with a motion by Loveless and seconded by Gardner.

Discussed adding a new Policy FGG Facility Construction Project Administration. It speaks to contingency and work orders. We decided to add wording to have the administration report to the board any and all contingency and change orders on a quarterly basis. Also, wording was added to have the administration make a project checklist and research project contingencies before approving a contingency. This policy if approved by the board will make contingencies and change orders over \$50k by approval of the board only. If we would like to make sure the original contracts have a conservative contingency we will need to look at policy FEC Selection of Professionals in Facilities Construction. All agreed to put FGG & FEC on next month's Policy Committee Agenda for more review.

Discussed Board Policy BDG Board Attorney/Legal Services. The SCSBA Model Policy is a good one to adopt. Dr. Ross mentioned that the things we were concerned with should be added to AR-BDR. It is a concern for the board members to understand who can initiate contact with an attorney on behalf of the school district and/or the board. The wording is vague in the current policy. If we decide to adopt the SCSBA Model Policy AR-BDR, we will add language to include that only the Board Chair in agreement with a majority of board officers can contact an attorney. Also, we should request a schedule of fees at the time of RFP to put new attorneys on the attorney list. There was an attempt to delineate when the Superintendent can initiate the use of an attorney without Board Approval. We will bring these 2 policies back to the next Policy Committee meeting with our suggested changes for more review.

Board Policy GCB Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation only had one sentence added to keep all certified personnel under 1-year contracts unless otherwise approved by the board. Board Policy GDB Support Staff Compensation only had a small edit to remove "under unusual circumstances" from the wording to as approved by the board. Both of these policies will be brought to the full board at the February 28, 2022 Board Meeting for discussion and first reading approval.

A proposed new policy to address crowd funding was brought forward for consideration by the administration. Model Policy DD Funding Proposals, Grants, and Special Projects talks about private donations, grants, and crowdfunding and how the district coordinates those moneys. The district should always be made aware of all donations, grants, and crowdfunding requests to coordinate all needs within the district. Also, will be on the February 28, 2022 Board Meeting agenda for discussion and first reading approval.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m. The next scheduled Policy Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, March 16 at 4:30 p.m.

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