



MINUTES
Policy Committee Meeting
District Office Board Room, March 16, 2022

Those in attendance included Nikki Gardner-Committee Chairwoman, Jan Hammond – Board Chair, Ken Loveless – Board Vice-Chair, Cathy Huddle – Trustee, Matt Hogan – Trustee, Dr. Akil Ross-Superintendent. The meeting was open to the public and was live-streamed.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Committee Chairwoman Gardner. The minutes were approved with a motion by Loveless and a seconded by Gardner. Hammond, Hogan, and Huddle abstained. The agenda was approved by a motion by Huddle and a seconded by Hogan by unanimous vote.

Discussed adding the new Policy FGG Facility Construction Project Administration with the updates from the last meeting. This policy will be brought to the next full board meeting on March 28 for adoption.

Discussed updating Policy FEC Selection of Professionals in Facilities Construction that we approved 9/21. We added limiting excessive contingency and a reference to Chapter 11 Enabling Law. Dr. Ross will have an attorney look at the policy. This policy change will be brought to the next full board meeting on March 28.

Discussed Board Policy BDG Board Attorney/Legal Services. The SCSBA Model Policy is a good one to adopt. We will change any place that says “an attorney” to “attorneys.” We next discussed Board Administrative Rule BDG-R with the change of “an attorney” to “attorneys.” It was suggested that the board select by vote a general counsel and the administration would bring their general counsel to us for approval. We will add that an attorney can not be used to prosecute or investigate another board member without board vote. We will bring these two policies back to the next Policy Committee meeting with our suggested changes for more review.

Board Policy BC Board Member Conduct will be brought to the next full board meeting for adoption as a new policy. We added a bullet point to reference the expectation of board members to visit schools. At the end of this policy, we added the process for addressing board member violations.

We previously discussed Policy BCA Board Member Code of Ethics at previous committee meetings. We agreed to all of the changes we had made. It is different from the SCSBA recommended model policy because we like the one we have, and the majority of the model policy will be added to policy BCB Board Member Conflict of Interest per the recommendation of the committee. Policy BCB has questionable wording about Volunteering, and Dr. Ross will ask the attorney to look at it. Volunteering by board members is encouraged as long as there are no supervisory roles. These policies will be brought to the next full board meeting on March 28.

Policy BEDH Public Participation at Meetings was deferred to the next committee meeting due to time.

For the next meeting, it was asked by Hammond to bring policy KEC Public Concerns and Complaints About Instructional Resources & KEC-R so we could discuss the recommended changes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m. The next schedule Policy Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, March 23 at 4:30 p.m.