

POLICY MEETING

09/11/2023 [05:00 PM-06:00 PM] @ Board of Directors Room

1. Call to Order

Minutes

Dr. Koch called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was audio recorded.

2. Roll Call

Minutes

Members Present: Donna Cronin, Lindsay Drew, Lindsay Koch, and Maria Memmi (Board Members)

Members Absent: Robert Bennett

Non-voting Members: Jason Reifsnyder, Stacy Winslow

Citizen Advisors in Attendance: Colby Hollinger

Citizen Advisors Absent: Geurline Laurore

Staff Members/Public Present: Phil Ayala, and Jen Renz

Following a motion by Ms. Drew, with a second by Dr. Cronin, Mrs. Memmi was approved to sit in for Mr. Bennett for the Policy meeting.

3. Approval of Summary Minutes

Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Drew and a second by Dr. Cronin, the minutes were approved.

4. Unfinished Business

5. Revised/Reviewed Policies

5.a. Policy 006. Meetings

The revisions to this policy appear under the **Voting** section. Specifically, the provision regarding "Actions that require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those voting in the presence of a quorum", has been removed and both items previously under that category:

- Incurring temporary debt (there is no need to specify emergency or non-emergency as the voting requirement is the same)
- Adopting or changing textbooks without the recommendation of the Superintendent

are now categorized under the, "Actions requiring the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the full membership of the Board."

Under the provision regarding, "Actions requiring the affirmative votes of a majority of the full membership of the Board":

- The statement regarding "Combining or reorganizing into a larger school district" has been removed because this action only requires a simple majority.
- The following statements have been added to this section:
 - Approving or denying a charter school application ([24 P.S. Sec. 1717-A](#))
 - Approving or denying a multiple charter school organization application ([24 P.S. Sec. 1729.1-A](#))
 - Establishing joint schools or departments ([24 P.S. Sec. 1701](#))

Policy 006. Meetings is recommended to exhibit compliance with the Sunshine Act.

Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Drew, with a second by Dr. Cronin, Policy 006. was recommended, as revised, to the full Board for 30-day review approval.

5.b. Policy 123 Interscholastic Athletics

Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Drew, with a second by Mrs. Memmi, Policy 123 was tabled to unfinished business on the November 6, 2023, meeting pending review and feedback from the athletic director.

5.c. Policy 216.1. Supplemental Discipline Records

Policy 216.1. Supplemental Discipline Records has been on hold for some time. For many of you, this may be a new policy. For those of you that have a current policy in place, we **recommend working off of the new PSBA policy guide** instead of your current policy because there have been significant revisions made to this policy.

The revisions are based on [237 PA Code Rule 163. Release of Information to School](#). The juvenile probation office is required to provide notice to the building principal or his/her designee upon finding a juvenile, who is enrolled in the school entity, to be a delinquent. The Rule addresses requirements for the following:

- The information to be contained in the notice to the school.
- Acknowledgement of the notice of information.
- Procedures for transfer of information upon the student's transfer to another school.
- Maintenance of the information separately from the juvenile's official school record.
- The limited purposes for which the district can use the information.

Please note that the policy has been expanded based on the Rule to such an extent that the 216.1-AR-0 is no longer necessary. Please remove 216.1-AR-0 from your Administrative Regulations Manual.

Policy 216.1 is recommended for legal liability purposes regarding adherence to the Rules regarding supplemental discipline records.

Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Drew, with a second by Dr. Koch, Policy 216.1 was recommended, as revised, to the full Board for 30-day review approval.

5.d. Policy 246 School Wellness

Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Drew, with a second by Mrs. Memmi, Policy 216.1 was recommended, as reviewed, to the full Board for 30-day review approval.

5.e. Policy 251 Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability

The **only** revision to this policy affects the Students with Disabilities section, which is located at the end of the policy. In this instance, if your current policy has been updated after November 2022, we **recommend revising your currently adopted policy** rather than the PSBA policy guide. To edit your currently adopted policy, go to your Active policies, right click on Policy 251 in the left column, and click Duplicate. This will keep your current Policy 251 in the Active area and will place a *copy of* Policy 251 into the Draft area where you can revise the policy appropriately.

The final paragraph states, "*Students with an IEP may elect to remain in school until age twenty-one (21) even if the district determines there is an earlier pathway to graduation. Such students may participate in the graduation ceremony with their current graduating class, even if the student elected to remain in school,*" has been removed from the policy, based on the recommendation of school legal counsel to school districts, who identified this language as potentially problematic.

Graduation requirements for a student with an IEP are based on the IEP team's plan and may differ from the district's graduation requirements approved for all students. The graduation *Notice of Recommended Educational Placement* (NOREP) issued by a school district is a recommended placement for a student's graduation, but may be challenged by the student or parent/guardian.

Students and parents/guardians do not have an automatic right to override a graduation NOREP and continue a student's education in the district until age twenty-one (21).

The remaining paragraph was revised to state: *"Students experiencing educational instability who have an IEP shall maintain the right to special education and the right to graduate either through attainment of credits or through the completion of the goals established in their IEP, **in accordance with applicable law, regulations, Board policy, administrative regulations and state guidance.**"* This additional clause in bold print and referral back to policies 113. Special Education and 217. Graduation address the necessary references related to graduation of a student with an IEP who is also experiencing educational instability.

Policy 251 is a mandated policy.

Minutes

On a motion by Dr. Cronin, with a second by Ms. Drew, Policy 251 was recommended, as revised, to the full Board for 30-day review approval.

5.f. Policy 304 Employment of District Staff

Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Drew, with a second by Mrs. Memmi, Policy 123 was tabled to unfinished business on the November 6, 2023, meeting pending review and feedback from the athletic director.

6. Policies for Review

6.a. Policy 813 Other Insurance

Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Drew and a second by Dr. Cronin, Policy 813 was approved as reviewed.

6.b. Policy 814 Copyright and Fair Use Policy

Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Drew and a second by Dr. Cronin, Policy 814 was approved as reviewed.

6.c. Policy 815 Acceptable Use of Technology Resources

Minutes

On a motion by Dr. Cronin and a second by Ms. Drew, Policy 815 was approved as reviewed.

6.d. Policy 815.1 Acceptable Use of Technology Resources (Student Version)

Minutes

On a motion by Dr. Cronin and a second by Ms. Drew, Policy 815.1 was approved as reviewed.

6.e. Policy 818 Contracted Service Personnel

Minutes

On a motion by Dr. Cronin and a second by Ms. Drew, Policy 818 was approved as reviewed.

6.f. Policy 822 Automated External Defibrillator (AED)/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Drew and a second by Dr. Cronin, Policy 822 was approved as reviewed.

6.g. Policy 824 Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

Minutes

On a motion by Dr. Cronin and a second by Ms. Drew, Policy 824 was approved as amended for review.

6.h. Policy 827 Conflicts of Interest

Minutes

On a motion by Dr. Cronin and a second by Ms. Drew, Policy 827 was approved as reviewed.

6.i. Policy 832 Educational Equity

Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Drew and a second by Dr. Cronin, Policy 832 was approved as reviewed.

7. Public Comment

Minutes

There was no public comment for the committee.

8. Adjournment

Minutes

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m. The next Policy Committee Meeting will be held in November 2023.