

Bourne School Committee  
Policy Subcommittee Minutes

Date: April 5, 2021

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Virtual via Zoom

Attendees:

School Committee: Chair Emily Berry, Erin Perry

School Administration: Dr. Kerri Anne Quinlan Zhou, Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Members approved meeting minutes from the February 2, 2021 meeting.

Discussion about policy implications regarding School Committee Recognition Awards

Members discussed potential approaches to a school committee student recognition award. They discussed a potential name - the Navigator Award - to be awarded to students who are forging their own path and navigating their way into the future. The award would be given to students who have achieved something exemplary that directly supports Bourne School District's core values (be respectful, responsible, and safe) and vision of a graduate (problem solving, teamwork and collaboration, responsibility and accountability, creativity and innovation, effective written and verbal communication). Members discussed an additional civic engagement component, and the potential for including civic engagement as part of the vision for a graduate in the future.

Members discussed the process for nominating and awarding and suggested approximately 2 awards annually, likely in a May and December timeframe. Any staff within the District can nominate a student for the award, on a rolling basis. They will be asked to provide the student's name, grade, and a description of why they are nominating the student for the award. Members will develop a one page document describing the award parameters and process for distribution to staff.

Continued Review Policies for School Committee - Student Representation for School Committee

Members continued the conversation regarding policy J1B, Student Involvement in Decision-Making, specifically regarding ability of the student representative to vote. Members agreed to further amend the policy to include that the student representative will not vote on personnel or budgetary items, or any items deemed inappropriate by the Chair. As deemed appropriate by the Chair, student representatives will be invited to participate in discussions on the budget.

Future Agenda Items

Job descriptions, including some existing descriptions that need updated, and some new positions

Next Meeting

April 28, 2021 at 5pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.