

Policy Committee
September 16, 2013
Minutes

Members Present: Chris Belcher, Christine King, Jonathan Sessions, Andrea Follett, Paul Rainsberger, Ben Trachtenberg, Blake Naughton

Ex-Officio Participants: Susan McClintic/MNEA, Kari Schuster/MSTA

The meeting began at 4:28 p.m. on a motion from Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Sessions.

New community members Mr. Naughton, Mr. Rainsberger, and Mr. Trachtenberg were welcomed.

The committee discussed how it would review and discuss policy issues. Two or three times per year, MSBA sends the District a compilation of its policies that could or should be revised. Many of these revisions are to reflect changes in state and federal law. The committee decided that such compliance issues will be sent straight to the Board rather than to the committee for debate and review. The committee also decided that all committee members would receive the MSBA compilation packet so that each member could see what was in the packet and could suggest policies to review at upcoming meetings.

The committee agreed to schedule a meeting on the third Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Sessions brought two policies before the committee—

BBBA—Board Member Qualifications: in 2012, the Missouri Legislature passed a law prohibiting sex offenders from serving on school boards. Mr. Sessions noted that our policy currently does not prohibit such persons from Board service

BCE—Committees of the Board: as written, Board members are to be appointed to the Board' standing committees within one month of the annual election of the Board members. Mr. Sessions noted the inconvenient timing of this language. For example, Board members are elected in April, but May is not the opportune time to change the membership of the Finance Committee, which at that time considers budget information that must be put before the Board

before June 30. Mr. Sessions also questioned the two-year limit of service for community members and asked if an annual application process (with no limit) would make better sense.

The committee also discussed how policies affecting teacher working conditions would be addressed during collective bargaining season (February 1-May 1).

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m. on a motion from Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Sessions.

--Submitted by Andrea Follett