

**Policy Committee
September 26, 2011
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members present: Tom Rose, Helen Wade, Jim Whitt, Paul Maguffee, Tom Stone, Chris Belcher, Peter Stiepleman, Dana Clippard,

Ex-Officio Participants: Kari Schuster/MSTA, Susan McClintic/MNEA, Alex Burnam/RBHS, Spencer Cliaborne/HHS

Introductions were made.

Dr. Rose began the meeting with a review of the policy committee's charge, which is to evaluate and make recommendations to the Board of Education as policies are updated. Dr. Rose indicated policies are brought to the committee in two ways: a) from individuals or groups that raise an issue concerning policy; or b) recommendations from MSBA, the policy service provider for CPS.

Policy JFCF – Hazing and Bullying

A group of students from WJHS presented to the Policy Committee on May 18, 2011. The group recommended including a requirement in policy for 450 minutes of annual instruction to prevent hazing and bullying for sixth-eighth grades. Dr. Belcher commented that this topic aligns with the intermediate advisory and health curriculums, and if approved, would be given to the curriculum coordinators to determine logical connections. The committee agreed to recommend this policy with the change to the Board of Education as a first read.

Policy GBH – Student/Staff Relations

Dr. Belcher noted he had visited with MSBA prior to the meeting regarding Senate Bill 54, which is waiting for the Governor's signature. If the Governor approves the changes to the language recommended by the General Assembly, the current policy will need to be revised to include references to electronic media. Should that occur, MSBA will send a draft for any policy revision for the district's consideration. The concern remains how such communication is monitored and Helen Wade noted the importance of record keeping.

Policy EEA – Student Transportation Services

The possibility of changing the required radius for bus service and moving from a two tiered to a three tiered transportation system was discussed. A committee will be organized to examine the issue, but the policy will remain as it is at this time.

Policies HA – Negotiations with Employee Representatives and HH (Version 1 and 2) – Teacher Negotiating Representatives

Dr. Rose reviewed the policies. Helen Wade reviewed the legal status for exclusive and multiple representations and the meet and confer process. In the absence of legislative direction, all actions of the Board are at risk for litigation. However, as the constitution allows bargaining, the Board must adopt a policy. The Board currently has HA and HH (Version 1) for consideration.

Juvenile Office Update

Helen Wade and Peter Stiepleman provided an update regarding the referral process to the juvenile office. Districts struggle with issues of over-referral and disproportionate referrals as they work to be compliant with law and access resources for students. CPS will seek direction from MSBA to assist with policy in this area.

CSIP Goals – Governance

The ten-year financial plan will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00.