

Columbia Board of Education Policy Committee  
January 27, 2014  
Minutes

Members Present:

From Board: President Christine King, Ms. Helen Wade, Mr. Jonathan Sessions

From CPS: Dr. Dana Clippard, Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Ms. Andrea Follett

Community: Dr. Blake Naughton

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

The meeting began at 4:22 p.m. on a motion from Mr. Sessions, seconded by Ms. Wade.

Ms. Wade moved to approve the December minutes and was seconded by Mr. Sessions. Minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Policy GBM, Staff Grievances, was submitted to the committee. This Board last revised this policy in 2003; however, MSBA revised their model Policy GBM in 2010. No one presently serving on the committee knows why the Board is using its 2003 revisions instead of MSBA's 2010 edition. District administration expressed its desire to stay current with MSBA model policies. Ms. McClintic expressed CMNEA's desire to bargain this issue during the collective bargaining season set to begin February 1, 2014. Board members of the committee expressed their desire to examine the policy as a committee and noted that while CMNEA negotiates for teachers, the committee passes policy that applies to all CPS employees. Dr. Naughton asked questions about how staff grievances are reflected in other MNEA bargaining agreements. The committee agreed to continue its review of GBM.

With regard to Board Policy JC, School Attendance Areas, the committee noted that considerations #1 and #3, "educational opportunities and learning environment" and "needs and desires of the community," respectively, were problematic and vague. It was agreed that at the next meeting, policy members would submit language they would like to see reflected in JC. The committee also questioned whether two separate policies were needed (one for new schools, one for existing schools) or if a single policy would suffice. Dr. Stiepleman stated that

he would share the guiding principles and goals from the District's ad-hoc boundary committee with the policy committee for its consideration in its study of JC.

Due to the Presidents' Day holiday on February 17, 2014, the committee agreed to meet on Monday, February 24. The meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. in the Aslin Building Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m. on a motion from Ms. Wade, seconded by Mr. Sessions.

--Submitted by Andrea Follett