

Columbia Board of Education Policy Committee
October 21, 2013
Minutes

Members Present:

From Board: President Christine King, Ms. Helen Wade, Mr. Jonathan Sessions
From CPS: Dr. Chris Belcher, Dr. Dana Clippard, Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Ms. Andrea Follett
Community: Mr. Paul Rainsberger, Mr. Ben Trachtenberg, Dr. Blake Naughton

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

The meeting began at 4:29 p.m. on a motion from Dr. Clippard, seconded by Mr. Sessions.

Mr. Sessions moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting, and Mr. Rainsberger seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

The committee discussed MSBA's proposed changes to Policy BBBA in light of background check procedures for CPS employees. The committee agreed to further review BBBA in its current and proposed forms and to discuss again at the November meeting.

Mr. Sessions proposed changes to dates contained in Policy BCE so that the policy will align more closely with both the CPS school year and the work of the Board's Finance Committee, which is charged with recommending a budget for the Board to adopt no later than June 30. The committee will review these proposals and discuss at the November meeting.

The committee reviewed a proposal from Board member Dr. Tom Rose to amend Policy GCD. Dr. Rose's proposal would establish a minimum GPA of 3.0 for applicants seeking professional staff positions. The GPA would apply to the applicant's highest degree earned. Dr. Rose's proposal also established three exceptions to the GPA requirement. Mr. Rainsberger moved to table the proposal, and Mr. Sessions seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The committee agreed to meet on November 18, 2013, at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m. on a motion from Mr. Sessions, seconded by Ms. Wade.

--Submitted by Andrea Follett