

## **Columbia Board of Education Policy Committee**

November 18, 2013

Minutes

Members Present:

From Board: 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 4:30 p.m. on a motion from Ms. Wade, seconded by Dr. Clippard.

Ms. Wade moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting, and Dr. Naughton seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Ms. Wade moved to approve MSBA's changes to Policy BBBA and advance the policy to the Board for its decision. Mr. Sessions seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. Wade moved to approve the changes Mr. Sessions made to Policy BCE and advance the policy to the Board for its decision. Dr. Clippard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Discussion was had regarding Policy JCB-R, which applies only to transfers due to redistricting from 2012 to 2014, and the committee questioned whether this policy should be rescinded in light of Battle High School's completion. The committee discussed if Policy JCB should be amended to allow the Board to authorize intra-district transfers. The committee also discussed whether the Board should review the distribution/drawing of student attendance areas on a regular cycle, such as every three years. Factors listed as affecting student distribution/school attendance areas included a school's physical size, student population numbers, demographics, minimizing transitions for students, city/area growth, and the CPS budget. The committee agreed that attending a lottery school within the district would not be considered a transfer. Dr. Belcher suggested that at the December meeting, the committee review what other Missouri districts have adopted as their Policies JC and JCB.

MSBA's revisions to Policy JHG must be approved by the Board no later than January 1, 2014, to be aligned with Missouri law. The committee reviewed the MSBA revisions but asked that the District's version of JHG include notation that spanking is not allowed in CPS schools. With that suggestion, Ms. Wade moved to approve MSBA's changes and advance the policy to the Board. Mr. Sessions seconded. The motion passed.

The committee agreed to meet on December 16, 2013, at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m. on a motion from Dr. Clippard, seconded by Mr. Sessions.

--Submitted by Andrea Follett

