

Columbia Board of Education Policy Committee
December 16, 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. Ben Trachtenberg, Dr. Blake Naughton

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

The meeting began at 4:33 p.m. on a motion from Board President King, seconded by Mr. Sessions.

Mr. Sessions moved to approve the November minutes and was seconded by Dr. Naughton. Minutes from the November meeting were approved.

The committee agreed that Board Policy JCB-R will be rescinded in June 2014 due to the fact that the policy specifically applies to “transfers due to redistricting in 2012-2014.”

With regard to Board Policy JC, School Attendance Areas, the committee discussed whether to add a paragraph reading: “The Board of Education, upon the advice of the Superintendent, will consider each year whether revisions to the boundaries of school attendance areas are appropriate.” The committee also discussed whether to add 1) demographics and 2) a building’ physical capacity to the list of items for consideration expressly conveyed in the current version of Policy JC.

With regard to Policy JCB, Intradistrict Transfers, the committee discussed philosophical reasons for drafting a policy as a guiding principle that applies to all situations and the use of a Board resolution as a means to address particular situations. The committee also discussed conveying any policy change(s) to area realtors so that new homeowners can be better informed of the District’s intent.

Due to the Martin Luther King Day holiday on January 20, 2014, the committee agreed to meet on Monday, January 27. The meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. to accommodate other Board committee meetings occurring later that afternoon. The committee will meet in the Aslin Building, Administrative Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m. on a motion from Mr. Sessions, seconded by Ms. Wade.

--Submitted by Andrea Follett