

Policy Committee Meeting August 11, 2008

Minutes

Attendance: Chairman Brennan, Commissioner Powell. Commissioner Elliott absent. Board Staff L. Dunsmoor, District Staff E. McDonald, J. Sheppard.

1. Motion to approve Minutes of April 15, 2008 by Commissioner Powell. So ordered.
2. New Chief Counsel Elizabeth McDonald introduced herself and was welcomed as the committee liaison.
3. Amendment to 6725, Responsible Bidder: Motion to approve by Commissioner Powell and forward to full Board. So ordered.
4. Quality Assurance name change: Commissioner Powell said she was disinclined to open the Board Bylaws for a simple name change, especially since the change would not affect the purpose or intent of the committee. Chair Brennan noted that there are logical arguments on both sides of the issue. No action was taken by the committee on the request.
5. Policy Manual Update: Chair Brennan said he was leaning toward Erie I BOCES for an update as he is familiar with the organization. Commissioner Powell said she would like to retain the current numbering system in any update. She also said the exhibits in the manual need review.
Action item: L. Dunsmoor to contact Erie I BOCES representatives to arrange presentation at next meeting.
6. Next steps, 1900 Parent Involvement and 5300 Code of Conduct: Chair Brennan said he would like to have, in writing, information from the Superintendent regarding what direction he is taking Parent Involvement in. Commissioner Powell concurred. District staff member N. Crocker was delayed at another meeting so commissioners did not discuss the issue further. After reviewing recommended changes to the Code of Conduct, Commissioner Powell moved that the proposed Code be forwarded to the full Board in ordinary time: Information item in August, discussion in September, vote in October. So ordered.
Action item: L. Dunsmoor to provide full Board with copy of Code for August Business Meeting.
7. Superintendent's Regulations, Discipline & Intervention: Chairman Brennan noted that the proposed document was requested by parents commenting on the Code of Conduct. Mr. Sheppard noted that it provides for uniformity of enforcement of the Code and ensuing consequences. Commissioner Powell said that as a regulation, the document does not need Board approval. She moved that it be forwarded to the full Board as an information item and possible endorsement for August. So ordered.
8. Next meeting date: September, TBA.
9. Adjourn: Motion by Commissioner Powell. So ordered at 6:50 p.m.