

**Policy Committee Meeting
July 14, 2005**

Present: Board President Darryl Porter; Commissioner Robert Brown (Chair);
Commissioner Willa Powell; Commissioner Domingo Garcia; Commissioner
Shirley Thompson; Michael J. Looby; Kimberly Rohring.

Meeting commenced at 5:38 p.m. Commissioner Brown then called the meeting to order since a quorum was present.

1. Code of Conduct Annual Review 5300

Mr. Looby noted that a public hearing will need to be scheduled and the Board will need to reauthorize in August. He stated that the substantive changes are principally in the Students with Disabilities section to comply with the reauthorization of IDEA. He also noted that RTA expressed several concerns, two were regarding use of video and camera cell phones and "wolfing".

Commissioner Powell asked if the policy needs to be this lengthy?

Mr. Looby stated that some districts do use shorter documents, however RCSD has had some instances in the past of being accused of not fully disclosing, so we erred on that side. Some of the information in the policy would not be generally available so cannot simply cite a law reference.

Commissioner Garcia asked what are the Board's options if they find provisions are not being followed or enforced?

Commissioner Thompson arrived at 5:50 p.m.

Mr. Looby stated the Board can insist they be enforced. They can take up the issue with the principal directly, the SDOs or the Superintendent.

Commissioner Brown asked for a motion to advance the amendments to the Board for review. Made by Commissioner Garcia, Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 3-0.

2. Recruiters in Schools - Policy 1240.1

Commissioner Powell outlined her proposed amendment to this policy addressing parental rights to withhold directory information from requesting entities. She wants the District to have a more aggressive approach to reaching parents on this issue. If parents do not respond, then she wants the District to not make an affirmative assumption.

Mr. Looby agrees we need to have a more aggressive approach, a formal letter with check off and annual election is appropriate. He however noted two concerns with Commissioner Powell's proposal: same access – wants to confirm with the Department of Defense that "isolating" military in the letter is OK, even if the District isolates others such as colleges, employers, etc; continue an "opt out" rather than the language that was proposed essentially creating an "opt in".

Commissioner Powell suggested the District code the SIS database – opt in, opt out, no response; then treat the no response as not opting in until the District is told that is not acceptable.

Commissioner Thompson wants to go with Commissioner Powell's proposal until we are challenged. She proposed an amendment to follow "...October 15th, *at which time the District will only act on responses received.*"

Commissioner Powell accepted this as a friendly amendment.

Commissioner Garcia asked about including employers, colleges, etc.

Mr. Looby did not have a problem with that.

Commissioner Garcia went on to state that if those are included, then we are left to assume that a non response is opt out of all not just the military.

Mr. Looby stated that it is his interpretation that assuming an opt out in the absence of a response is in conflict with the statute.

Commissioner Porter stated he would like to see the District not accept a non response, but rather make a special effort to reach them and get a response.

Board members present concurred that they would like this change implemented for the 2005-06 school year.

Commissioner Powell motioned to send the draft with Commissioner Thompson's proposed amendments to the Board as an information item in the Friday packet, and include as a discussion item at the July Business Meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Adopted 3-0.

Outstanding Issue:

Whether or not a no response is an opt in or opt out.

Action Items:

- Send 1240.1 and 5300 to the Board as information items on July 15th.
- Draft letter to parents relative to their right to withhold directory information as soon as possible.
- Implement 1240.1 policy change for 2005-06 school year.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Powell moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion. Adopted 3-0 at 6:18 p.m.