

Board Policy Review Committee Meeting Notes

Borough Building, Conference Room C

Meeting Notes

Date/Time: October 17, 2011, 1:30 PM

Members: Liz Downing– Present
Sunni Hilts - Present
Dave Jones – Present
Sarge Truesdell - Present
Sammy Crawford – Absent
Laurie Olson –Present
Steve Atwater - Present

Guests:
Sean Dusek – Present

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from August 8, 2011 were approved.

Review of Policies

➤ *BP 0530 Criteria for Closing Schools*

- According to the current Foundation Funding formula from the state, schools must have 10 kids enrolled in the current year in order to receive funding for the following year. The cost for the school district to fund Cooper Landing is around \$250K - \$300K per year. Dr. Atwater offered an amendment to correct the proposed change to correctly address current vs following.

➤ *BP 3110 Transfer of Funds*

This item was presented for discussion purposes since there had been a concern that the District violated this policy. BP 3100 and 3300 show that the superintendent has budget authority for this and we do not need to bring budget adjustments to the Board before budget transfers; therefore, policy has not been violated.

➤ *AR 4111 Recruitment and Selection*

This proposed revision documenting the process by which a site administrator is hired was previously brought to this committee. There was a suggested change requested to add PTO in addition to PTA to item #3. This has been added.

Additionally, Dr. Atwater offered an additional amendment to clarify item #10. After the phrase "Recommendation is forwarded to School Board", add the phrase "for contract approval (not assignment)".

➤ *BP 6145.2 Interscholastic Competition*

At the request of this committee, Dave Jones has checked with the attorney regarding including "religion" as a basis of nondiscrimination. She agreed this was an appropriate addition. Based on her recommendation, religion will be added to the second paragraph.

A question came up regarding conflicts between scheduled competitions and religious holidays. There are no known problems of this nature.

➤ *AR 6161.4 Acceptable Use Policy/Internet Safety Policy*

This AR states “A copy of this policy is included in the KPBSD Parent/Student Handbook.” The Handbook has been getting too long and this policy takes up about a third of the handbook. Due to recommendations from both school and parent groups to try to reduce the size, we have eliminated most of the text of the policy from the handbook; however, we still reference the policy number and include a link on the online handbook.

There was a discussion on social media networking. Does our staff need training due to the potential for a great deal of influence on our kids? Staff need to be aware of all the implications and responsibilities.

There was a discussion on prohibiting bath salts in schools. Bath salts have an immediate addictive ability. The salts may be snorted, smoked or injected. There is no known test available.