

Board Policy Review Committee Meeting Notes

Borough Building, Conference Room C

Meeting Notes

Date/Time: February 6, 2012, 1PM

Members: Sunni Hilts - Present
Dave Jones – Present
Sarge Truesdell - Present
Lynn Hohl – Present
Marty Anderson - Absent
Steve Atwater – Present
Mari Auxier (Secretary) - Present

Guests:
Sean Dusek – Present

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from November 11, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

Review of Policies

➤ *BP 0210 Vision for Student Learning*

- This policy has already been reviewed by the Board at several worksessions, and by the public on the web.
- Dr. Atwater presented this policy and the following changes were made:
 - Committee recommended Item 3g be changed to “Students feel a sense of personal safety while at school and during school related activities.” This expresses the desire of the Board for a student to feel safe in all school scenarios, to include riding the bus to and from school
 - Committee recommended Item 3h be changed to “Bullying is not tolerated.”

➤ The policies regarding suspension and expulsion were presented by Mr. Dusek. These policies have been extensively reviewed by the Borough attorney, Holly Montague, and the Anchorage attorney, Andie Stone.

- AR 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion
 - Mr. Dusek noted:
 - Under Record Keeping a lot of this was old language from when schools used to keep hard copies of records at the school level vs now when most records are on-line.
 - Under the Readmission section, it is recommended that the superintendent authorize the readmission rather than returning it to the board for their consideration.

- Changes to the Expulsion section were made by the Borough attorney. A lot of the language has been cleaned up and streamlined.
 - Committee noted that under Suspension the word “where” was inadvertently missing
- E 5144.1 Long Term Suspension Process
 - Mr. Dusek noted:
 - A section was added (V.) which describes how the hearing officer proceeds when something is appealed.
 - A section was added (VI.) identifying information which needs to be included in the preparation of a hearing summary.
 - Other changes made were to clarify the process.
- E 5144.1(b) Order of Hearings
 - Mr. Dusek noted: The appeal of Informal Suspensions proceeds directly to the superintendent.
 - Ms. Hohl suggested a differentiation between appeals to the board and board hearing.
- AR 5144.1 Due Process
 - Mr. Dusek noted: A level of appeal before the superintendent has been added for recommendations for expulsion.
- E 5144.11 Student/Parent Discipline Appeal
 - Committee recommended that we add “or within 5 school days for decision” to the parenthetical subtitle.
- E 5144.11(c) Procedure for Contested Student Hearings
 - The word “Contested” was added.
- The Committee recommended that E 9311 be updated to reflect future dates
- It was recommended that the committee formally recommend to the Board that no changes be made in the review of Section 7000 and that the Board actually approve this. Also, questioned whether the Board as a whole be given the opportunity to review policy sections as they come up for review.

Meeting concluded at 1:30 PM