



Minutes

Citizens Policy Committee

November 7, 2018

6:00 pm – Dot Henry Conference Room

Attendees: Dr. Jennifer Polinchock, Tara Pellegrino, Erika Daubert, Jim Ford, Scott Huber, Kristen Ischinger, Nina Lombardi, Becky MacInnes, Jason Mattis, Christine Richie, Colleen Ruch, Dorothy Sokolowski

Topic	Notes	Follow Up
1. Review of Minutes:	Reviewed minutes from September 5, 2018	Approved
2. Introduction of New Members:	Dr. Polinchock and the committee introduced themselves to student representatives Erika Daubert and Nina Lombardi. Dr. Polinchock explained how the Citizens Policy Committee works, what policies do and how they are approved.	
3. Policies: Where are they now:	The list of policies that have been presented to the committee and approved by the Board of School Directors was shared with the committee.	
4. 108. Adoption of Textbooks and ARs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy and its ARs were reviewed and discussed. • The policy is being updated due to changes in the law with regard to the timeframe for the Board to approve books. The timeframe has been removed. • A question was asked regarding how literature books are evaluated for approval/denial, as opposed to textbooks. Ms. Pellegrino recommended a checklist for approval of novels much like the checklist for approval of textbooks. • A question was raised asking if the Board has a cycle of review and replacement of books. Dr. Polinchock answered yes, through curriculum renewal. • This policy will be presented to the Board for initial distribution/discussion once the AR is created. 	Dr. Polinchock will develop a checklist for novels.
5. 210.1 Possession, Administration of Asthma Inhalers/Epinephrine Auto-Injectors and AR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy and its AR were reviewed and discussed. • A question was asked if the district qualifies to receive free epipens. The answer is yes, we do. • A question was asked as to how many parents complete 210.1-AR-0. Information about Emergency Epinephrine Administration with regard to parents refusing emergency administration of epinephrine for their child. • This policy will be presented to the Board for initial distribution/discussion on December 11, 2018. 	Ms. Pressler, nurse coordinator will be asked. The answer will be provided at the next meeting.

<p>6. 234. Pregnant, Parenting, Married Students and ARs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy and its ARs were reviewed and discussed. • There was discussion regarding students who are pregnant not being excluded due to their pregnancy, which is a medical condition. If the student’s pregnancy prevents them from attending school, they qualify for homebound education and are exempt from compulsory education. • A question was raised regarding excusal of absence for a parenting father. The father doesn’t receive excused absences or homebound to care for a child. Homebound is intended to educate students who are unable to attend school for medical reasons. • A question was raised if urban districts have a policy for parenting students. Post-meeting research did not present such a policy. • This policy and ARs will be presented to the Board for initial distribution/discussion on December 11, 2018. 	<p>Will check to see if any districts have a policy for parenting students and will report back.</p>
<p>7. 246. School Wellness and ARs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy and its ARs were reviewed and discussed. • We have to follow health guidelines set by the School Lunch Program, so fun food sales are prohibited during lunchtime (considered competitive food). • The district has a wellness committee to guide school wellness. • The policy and ARs suggest non-food birthday celebrations to keep them healthy. We have guidelines set up to encourage healthy snacks as well as snacks that are safe for students with food allergies. • This policy and ARs will be presented to the Board for initial distribution/discussion on December 11, 2018. 	
<p>8. Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>Wednesday December 5, 2018</p>	