



Minutes

Citizens Policy Committee

April 4, 2018

6:00 pm – Dot Henry Conference Room

Attendees: Dr. David Baugh, Tara Pellegrino, Elyanor Adnane, Siv Avantuni, Beth Bloom, Michael Borkowski, Krista DiPaolo, Kati Driban, Jim Ford, Dan Hughes, Kristen Ischinger, Lawrence Lee, Becky MacInnes, Jason Mattis, Hannah Messner, Michael Prusinowski, Christine Richie, Colleen Ruch, Dorothy Sokolowski, Robert Whartenby

Topic	Notes	Follow Up
1. Review of Minutes:	Reviewed minutes from January 3, 2018	Approved
2. Introductions:	The committee introduced themselves and welcomed the new members of the Committee who were Board approved on February 13, 2018.	
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 were shared with the committee.	
4. 103. Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy was reviewed and discussed. • Some questions were asked regarding harassment/sexual harassment and bullying. Ms. Messner, Director of Human Resources, was able to clarify information provided in the policy for the committee. • No changes were made to the policy. • The policy will be presented to the Board for initial distribution/discussion on May 8, 2018. 	
5. 103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities and AR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy and its AR were reviewed and discussed. • A question was raised about Child Find, what it means and how it's implemented. Child Find is a legal requirement that schools find all children who have disabilities and who may be entitled to special education services. Not every child is evaluated, but any child who is thought to have a disability is evaluated. • A question was raised and answered about the 504 Service Agreement timeline. • A question was raised and answered regarding HIV infection and student privacy/protection of other students. • This policy and its AR will be presented to the Board on May 8, 2018 for initial distribution/discussion. 	

<p>6. 323. Tobacco/Smoking and AR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy and its AR were reviewed and discussed. • A question was raised about rules surrounding vaping. It was explained that vaping is included in the tobacco/smoking policy. The draft policy, originally titled Tobacco, was revised during Administrative Policy Committee to include smoking. • Vaping is part of a larger safe schools conversation. • Buses are being equipped with cameras in front and back to help identify students who may be vaping on the bus. • The policy is intentionally vague to include smoking, tobacco and vaping of all kinds. • This policy and its AR will be presented to the Board on May 8, 2018 for initial distribution/discussion. 	
<p>7. 701.1 Naming Rights and AR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy and its AR were reviewed and discussed. • This policy outlines the process for naming facilities and is acceptable as written. • This policy and its AR will be presented to the Board on May 8, 2018 for initial distribution/discussion. 	
<p>8. 808. Food Services and AR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy and its AR were reviewed and discussed. • This policy was revised by the state to ensure the district's compliance with changes in the law. • There were changes in the law with regard to students who have a negative balance on their food account or are unable to pay for their meal. The district is no longer able to offer a cold sandwich to a student (meal shaming), to take a meal away from a student who is unable to pay or to speak directly with a student who owes money. Contact must be made with the parent only. • Dr. Baugh talked about the School Lunch Fairy program that just donated \$1,000.00 to the district to assist students who are having difficulty paying for lunch. • This policy and its AR will be presented to the Board on May 8, 2018 for initial distribution/discussion. 	
<p>9. 903. Public Participation at Board Meetings and AR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy and its AR were reviewed and discussed. • There was some discussion surrounding increasing the community comment time allotment to four minutes. The committee agreed to increase to three minutes, which would align the district with other area districts. The Board is generous with community comments when residents wish to address the Board. • This policy and its AR will be presented to the Board on May 8, 2018 for initial distribution/discussion. 	
<p>10. 909. Municipal Government Relations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy was reviewed and discussed. • The district and the township officials understand the importance of good communication and collaboration. The two entities communicate surrounding road closures (when bus routes are affected), salt procurement (cheaper price for bulk), status of roads during inclement weather and other opportunities that may present significant issues (Eagles parade). • The policy is acceptable as written. • This policy will be presented to the Board on May 8, 2018 for initial distribution/discussion. 	

11. 910. Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy was reviewed and discussed. • A recommendation was made to add examples of the ways the district collaborates with the community. The policy was updated to include examples. • The policy is acceptable as written. • This policy will be presented to the Board on May 8, 2018 for initial distribution/discussion. 	
12. 911. News Media Relations and ARs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy and its ARs were reviewed and discussed. • A section of the policy was questioned that related to students not being permitted to speak to the media without prior approval. There were concerns that this could violate the student’s first amendment rights. • Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) was contacted to inquire as to the reason this information is included in the policy. The response from PSBA is as follows, “I’m glad your policy committee questioned that language and contacted us—that language was originally included in an older version of PSBA’s policy guide 911, and it was likely included in your draft policy if the district had similar language previously, but we have removed that language from our policy guide and we recommend that districts remove the language as well because it is overly broad as you stated, and student expression is more clearly addressed and accurately handled in Policy 220. Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials. Our recommendation would be that you remove that language from the policy.” This piece was removed from the policy. • This policy and its ARs will be presented to the Board on May 8, 2018 for initial distribution/discussion. 	Completed: Contact PSBA to check rationale for stating students may not talk to the media.
13. Next Meeting Date	Wednesday, May 9, 2018	