

Minutes

Waterford Board of Education  
Policy Committee  
March 1, 2010  
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PRESENT: Mr. Blevins, Mr. Egan, Mrs. McCarty, Ms. McLaughlin, and Mr. Taglianetti

STAFF: Mr. Macrino, Mr. Powers, Mr. Sousa

VISITORS: Mr. Lee Goss; Mrs. Barbara LaFever; Ms. Kim Hodges, Waterford Education Foundation

Mr. Powers established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. McCarty was appointed recording secretary of the Policy Committee.

Mr. Powers reviewed Policy 6145.23 Gender Equity and Policy 1324 Solicitation of Funds by School Groups, Booster Clubs, or Parent Groups. He also commented on sample letter to solicit donations from corporate sponsors which had been reviewed by the Board’s attorney, Anne H. Littlefield. He mentioned that revision to the policies had also been reviewed and approved by Atty. Littlefield.

The meeting was opened to discussion regarding the advantages and disadvantages to revision of the aforementioned policies. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding Policy 1324 and the role that the Waterford Education Foundation might play in the enactment of this policy. Concern was also expressed regarding whether the Board of Finance would expect the same level of funding via sponsorship/donation yearly.

It was suggested that perhaps a better approach to revision of Policy 1324 might involve the Waterford Education Foundation revising its current bylaws so that it was able to distribute grant amounts in excess of the current \$1,000 limit. The Board of Education would then be eligible to submit grant requests directly to the Waterford Education Foundation as needed.

A question was raised regarding the use of the name, “Waterford Education Foundation” in a Board policy. It was suggested that charitable organization be used in lieu of “Waterford Education Foundation.”

Mr. Goss pointed out that an individual in the community may be willing to make a sizeable contribution to the Waterford Education Foundation as long as the donation is restricted to use for educational purposes. Some concerns were raised that corporate sponsorship or corporate donations should not be limited to solely protecting the Freshman Athletics Program.

Mr. Blevins believes that the changes in R-1324(a) and 1324(b) were substantial enough to impact, and possible conflict, with current policies concerning advertisement in the schools. Mr. Powers will look into other Board policies that focus on accepting gifts/donations, and advertisement in the schools. These policies will be reviewed at the next Policy Committee meeting scheduled for March 29, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Kathleen McCarty  
Recording Secretary