

Minutes

Policy Committee Meeting
Waterford Board of Education
15 Rope Ferry Road
April 3, 2017

Present: Ms. Benvenuti, Mr. Merriman, Ms. Nazarchyk

Absent: none

Staff: Mr. Giard, Superintendent; Mr. Powers, Assistant Superintendent

Ms. Nazarchyk established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Motion: That the Policy Committee approve the minutes of March 6, 2017.
Merriman, Nazarchyk: 2-0; Benvenuti: abstain

Mr. Powers began the meeting by proposing the revisions to policy and regulation 4112.5/4212.5 – Security Checks/Fingerprinting be tabled. Mr. Powers anticipates further recommended changes by legal counsel to this policy.

The change to policy 4121 – Substitute Teachers is regarding use of the word ‘certified’ to clarify the language regarding pay for long term substitutes.

Policy and regulation 5114 – Student Discipline has revised language to remove references to obsolete technology, make some minor stylistic changes, and update legal references.

5117 – Student Attendance Areas has been edited to strengthen the language regarding procedures for exceptions and reflect district practices.

Revisions to policy and regulation 5125 – Student Records reflect the requirements of the Student Data Privacy Act. Additional language has been revised in accordance with recent guidance from the Office of Civil Rights and Department of Justice.

Legal counsel has added a section requiring students and/or their parents or guardians to sign a computer systems user agreement to policy and regulation 5131.2 – Student Use of the District Computer Systems, which provides that they have read, understood, and agreed to abide by the district’s policies and regulations regarding the use of its computer systems. Revisions also include stylistic changes and legal references.

Language for activities that constitute unauthorized recording has been expanded in the revision of policy 5131.3 – Use of Private Technology Devices by Students (BYOD).

Legal counsel has revised policy 5155 – Student Privacy to mirror some definitions included in federal law.

Policy 6114 – Security & Safety Plan has been updated to reflect the State’s positions that boards of education may develop and implement either a district-wide security and safety plan with school-specific annexes for each school, or a security and safety plan for each school in the district. The regulation has been created to reflect requirements contained in the current version of the school security and safety plan standards and for purposes of clarity.

Motion: That the Policy Committee adjourn its meeting at 6:04 p.m.
Benvenuti, Merriman: 3-0

Respectfully submitted,
Ms. Nazarchyk, Recording Secretary