

Minutes

Policy Committee Meeting
Waterford Board of Education
15 Rope Ferry Road
March 13, 2014

Present: Mr. Kenney and Mrs. McCarty

Absent: Ms. Cote and Mrs. Nazarchyk

Staff: Mr. Powers, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Hauser, Principal, Waterford High School

Mrs. McCarty called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Because there is no majority present, the committee will wait until a quorum is established before approving the minutes from the January 30, 2014 meeting.

The committee began by discussing legal opinion on policy 1700 – Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property. Discussion centered on whether to allow exceptions to the policy for various education programs (e.g., civil war reenactment). The committee wholeheartedly agreed that there should be no exceptions at all and only law enforcement should be allowed to possess firearms on school property. This policy will move to the Board of Education at its next regular meeting.

Next, the committee discussed policy and regulation 1329 – Pool Safety Plan. Mr. Hauser shared the processes he has implemented this year to be in full compliance with the state statute that mandates a district pool safety plan. Discussion followed on lifeguard certification and the physical education curriculum that covers courses which utilize the pool. The committee decided this policy and regulation will move to the Board of Education.

4118.236/4218.236 – Social Media was the next policy and regulation on the agenda. Mr. Kenney reworded the first paragraph for clarity and meaning. Mr. Hauser had also reviewed this policy prior to it going to committee and had made some revisions based upon his experience with social media. The revisions have been worded in such a way that it allows for new technological capabilities. The committee agreed this policy and regulation will move to the Board of Education for a first reading.

The next policy discussed was 5145.14 – Uniform Treatment of Recruiters. Mr. Hauser explained that the revision included in this policy follow Waterford High School procedures. The committee agreed this policy will move to the Board of Education at its next regular meeting.

6146 – Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency was the next policy discussed. All references to CMT and CAPT have been removed. Mr. Hauser explained that the required number of credits has stayed the same, but the language was cleaned up to be clearer in requirements. The Board may decide to add additional credit requirements for graduation, if desired. This policy will come back to the committee for further discussion at the next meeting.

Finally, new policy 6155 – Credit for Online Courses was reviewed. Mr. Hauser explained the intent of this policy is to enhance the education of students and online courses should not take the place of offerings at Waterford High School. This policy will come back to the committee for further discussion at the next meeting.

Motion: That the Policy Committee adjourn its meeting at 7:10 p.m.
McCarty, Kenney: 2-0

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Kathleen McCarty
Recording Secretary