

Minutes

Policy Committee Meeting
Waterford Board of Education
15 Rope Ferry Road
April 17, 2014

Present: Ms. Cote, Mr. Kenney, Mrs. McCarty, Mrs. Nazarchyk

Absent: None

Staff: Mr. Powers, Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. McCarty called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Motion: That the Policy Committee approve the minutes of January 30, 2014 and March 13, 2014.
Cote, Kenney: 3-0 (Nazarchyk abstain from March minutes)

The committee first revisited Policy 6146 – Graduation Requirements. Mr. Powers reviewed the major changes of the policy, which includes updated references to state testing requirements. Discussion occurred on transfer students and how their credits would be handled. Mr. Powers noted that the graduation requirement of 24 credits is in line with surrounding districts, as they vary from 21-25 credits required. There was discussion on making personal finance a graduation requirement, although there would be many factors to consider in making that change. This concept was tabled. The policy will move to the Board for a first reading.

The next policy reviewed was 6155 – Credit for Online Courses. Mr. Powers explained that this policy ensures that online courses would not take the place of courses offered at Waterford High School. Discussion occurred on different instances where the educational experience of students may be enhanced by online courses. After discussing small wording changes, the committee decided that this policy will move to the Board for a first reading.

5113 – Student Attendance was the next policy discussed. Mr. Powers explained that the revisions to the policy and regulation follow the State changes to school attendance policy. Discussion occurred on when truant students would be referred to the Juvenile Review Board versus filing a Family with Service Needs form. This policy will move to the Board for a first reading.

The committee will hold discussion on the remaining agenda items for the next scheduled meeting.

Motion: That the Policy Committee adjourn its meeting at 6:25 p.m.
Nazarchyk, Cote: 4-0

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Kathleen McCarty
Recording Secretary