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Policy Committee Meeting
Waterford Board of Education
15 Rope Ferry Road
December 15, 2011

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ATTEST: 
TOWN CLERK

Present: Mr. Egan, Mrs. McCarty, Mr. Taglianetti

Absent: None

Staff: None

Guests: Mr. Paul Petrone

Mr. Powers established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Motion: That the Policy Committee approves the minutes from the meeting held on November 15, 2011.
Taglianetti, McCarty: Unanimous

Mr. Powers introduced the search and seizure revised policy once again. Questions from the November meeting were submitted to legal counsel and the answers were included in the packet for this meeting. After reading the answers from legal counsel, the committee felt much more comfortable that the policy protects Fourth Amendment rights of students. Mrs. McCarty liked the answers from the attorney, since it referenced specific court cases. Mr. Taglianetti commented that he was very against having dogs in the schools but when he considers the Board of Education’s responsibility to the safety of students and staff, he believes this policy is appropriate. Mr. Egan agreed and said that hopefully this policy will act as a deterrent for students bringing illegal substances to school. Mr. Powers mentioned that the use of dogs could occur as part of a regularly scheduled lock down drill so as not to take additional instructional time away. The policy committee will send the revised search and seizure policy to the Board of Education for a first reading in January.

Mr. Powers then introduced the new policy and regulations for gifts. He attended a CAFE workshop on corporate sponsorship and they explained the gift policy was a generic way to accept donations without having too many strings attached. Currently, since there is no specific policy on gifts, Mr. Powers is proposing the policy committee send this one to the BOE for approval. Mrs. McCarty liked the proposed gift policy. She said it was a way to start seeing what type of funds are out there and is a way to gauge what companies may want in return for their donation. Mr. Taglianetti commented that once approved, a press release could be sent out alerting the public that we are accepting gifts for the school system. The policy committee agreed to send the proposed gift policy and regulations to the Board of Education for a first reading in January.

There will be no policy committee meeting next month as the Board of Education will be setting their committee assignments. Regular meetings will resume in February 2012.

Motion: That the Policy Committee adjourn its meeting at 6:07 p.m.
McCarty, Taglianetti: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Kathleen McCarty
Recording Secretary