

Minutes

Policy Committee Meeting
Waterford Board of Education
15 Rope Ferry Road
November 20, 2014

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

Absent: None

Staff: Mr. Powers, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Sirpenski, Director of Finance & Operations

Mrs. McCarty established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: That the Policy Committee approve the minutes of May 29, 2014.
Nazarchyk, Kenney: 4-0

Mr. Powers began by reviewing the revisions to policy 3541 – Transportation. Mr. Sirpenski explained that these guidelines are used throughout the school year to guide issues as they arise and, in some cases, prevent issues as our process is clearly laid out for parents. There was discussion on various transportation aspects and how the district responds to various situations. The most important factor considered is student safety. The committee agreed to move this policy to the Board of Education for a first reading.

The next policy Mr. Powers introduced was 3453 – Food Services Charging Policy. The Board of Education pays an average of \$4,000 each school year for students who did not have lunch money and were provided with a free alternate meal. There is a growing problem at the secondary level of students choosing to have an alternate meal and keeping the money their parents have given them for lunch. By setting a limit on charges, it may help students take greater responsibility with their funds if they know alternate meals will need to be paid for. Mr. Sirpenski noted that many parents take advantage of the online payment option for meals, which also allows them to view their child's purchases. This new policy will move to the Board of Education for a first reading.

Motion: That the Policy Committee adjourn its meeting at 6:50 p.m.
Nazarchyk, Kenney: 4-0

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Kathleen McCarty
Recording Secretary