



Wyomissing Area School District

630 Evans Avenue, Wyomissing PA 19610

Policy Committee
Wednesday, May 2, 2018
Community Board Room

Committee Chair: Susan Larkin

Committee Members: Melissa Phillips, Terrie Taylor

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Susan Larkin, Melissa Phillips, Terrie Taylor, Robert Scoboria, and Mark Boyer

Committee Members Absent: None

Public Attendees: None

Meeting called to order by Susan Larkin at 4:05 pm

Approval of Minutes

- March 12, 2018 were approved without modifications.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Policy Audit – A chart of recommendations as a result of the audit of the 300/400/500 category was shared with the committee. The committee reviewed the policies, specifically the policies that are being recommended to be rescinded. There are some policies in the 300s that would be rescinded. Most of policies in the 400 and 500 levels are being rescinded due to their consolidation into the 300 level. Mrs. Taylor requested notes be added to the chart as to why the policies are recommended to be rescinded. All recommended revisions and policies to be rescinded will appear on the May 14, 2018 agenda for a first reading. The committee discussed the format of Superintendent review.

Mr. Scoboria said his intent was to address the outstanding 200 and 300 level policies over the summer.

New Business:

- The following policies were reviewed and recommended to appear on the May 14, 2018 Board agenda for a first reading:
 - Policy 105 – Curriculum –PSBA recommended changes to update the terminology for Language Instruction Educational Program and English Learner students

- Policy 138 – Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners – Language provided by state legislation recommended by PSBA was added.
 - Policy 239 – Foreign Exchange Students – PSBA recommended language added. The committee discussed the exchange student process and proficiency in the English language.
 - Policy 819 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response – PSBA recommended changes. Mrs. Lengle will serve as the districtwide coordinator.
 - Policy 913 – Non-school Organizations/Groups/Individuals – Added designee language.
 - Policy 918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement – PSBA recommended changes were incorporated into the policy
- Recommended New Policies
 - Policy 605.1 – District-Initiated Tax Assessment Appeals – Policy recommended by the solicitor.

Discussion

Mrs. Larkin requested that Policy 126 – Class Size be reviewed due to parent inquiries. Mr. Scoboria said this will be part of the May 14, Budget Presentation.

At Mrs. Larkin's request, Policy 006 – Meetings was also discussed as to whether Public Comment can be made at the beginning and end of the meeting. School Code allows the board to decide when public comment will be held. Susan asked how this will work with the new meeting format. There will be a chance to comment at each meeting. Mrs. Larkin stated that since only one meeting will be a non-voting meeting, that is the Board going to allow public comment at the end of the meeting per policy 006. Rob stated that this interpretation of policy 006 would cover only the voting meeting, the committee meetings would not fit into policy 006.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: 5:13 pm

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Respectfully submitted by Robert Scoboria, Superintendent