

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 9, 2021 @ 3:30 PM

Attendees: Denise Day, Tom Newkirk, Dan Klein, James Morse, Wendy DiFruscio,

Visitors:

Jim Morse began the meeting by stating that he and Tom Newkirk had the privilege of attending the bridge naming ceremony for Kenny Rother and it inspired them ask the Town of Durham for a copy of their Resolution for naming public facilities, trails, forests or trees to use as a guide. When the procedure were shared with the School Board for their input, the Board chair suggested "2/3" be added prior to the wording majority vote in the last sentence of the first paragraph. One additional request was made to remove "to the School Board" at the end of the second sentence as it was repetitive. All agreed with these changes and a revised copy will be sent to the Board as an FYI.

Policy BEDH –Public Participation at Board Meetings was brought before the policy committee by the Chair for re-review as there was a concern that during the public comments there is a possibility of individuals outside of the district can participate. The Board Chair asked for legal review of the suggested changes to make certain that we were compliant in all areas. The following changes will be made to this policy. In #3 remove the words "on agenda items only" from the sentence and the policy title will be changed to "Public Comment at Board Meetings." This policy is ready for a first read.

BEDH-R – Public Participation at Board Meetings – Procedure. As with the Policy the title will be changed to Public Comment at Board Meetings – Procedure. A suggestion from one Board member in regard to #1 in the procedure was that since tuition paying students are for the high school only, that it state that in the procedure. The following will be added to the second sentence before the words as possible "may speak to issues related to the building in which their child attends" In the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, "speakers are discouraged from consecutively reading verbatim a lengthy written statement" will be added at the end of this paragraph. In the fifth paragraph the removal of "on agenda items only" so that it matched the revised policy. A word change in paragraph 7 from "thought" to "though". Paragraph 8 and 12 will be completely removed. This policy and subsequent procedure and form are ready for a first read following the public hearing on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

BEDH-R1 – Public Comment Speaker Sign in Form was reviewed, and the second bullet will add "tuition families" following Barrington and the 5<sup>th</sup> bullet will have the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence removed.

Policy EBB – School Safety – The following will b added to the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph "In addition, the district will have a district and student network security and a student security plan. Additional cross references of technology policies will be added.

Policy GADA – Employment References and Verifications (Prohibiting Aiding and Abetting of Sexual Abuse) is a new required policy. This policy was reviewed by the committee and a brief discussion ensued. This policy is ready for a first read.

Jim asked the committee if there were any policies that they wished to include for review. Denise is questioning one of the curriculum policies regarding program adoption and Tom would like the policy on School Board Use of Emails to be brought forth to see if the lawsuit aligns with the injunction.

There was no additional questions or comments. Meeting ended at 4:10 PM – Next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, October 13 instead of Thursday for this meeting only.

Respectfully submitted,  
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