

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 @ 3:30 PM

Attendees: Denise Day, Brian Cisneros, James Morse, Wendy DiFruscio

Absent: Kenny Rotner

Visitors: Dan Klein

Denise called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Dr. Morse opened the meeting by explaining that since Dan Klein was attending to be a part of the Facilities conversation, then we would move Policy KF and all related procedures and fee schedule to the top of the agenda. Jim explained that the requests made at the last School Board meeting pertaining to changes in the policy and procedure were made. In terms of the fee schedule, Jim explained that this format of this was totally revamped with an information box on the top and the actual fee schedule was moved down and continued onto a second page. Discussion ensued surrounding the usage by the District towns, changing the headings throughout to be consistent, clarification of fees charged for usage of facilities on weekends and holidays and clarified that all would be charges for usage of lights on the high school track. With the above-mentioned changes all facility related documents KF, KF-R and KF-R1 would go back to the Board for a first read. Dan Klein left the meeting at 4:10.

Jim explained that Policy JIHB – Searches of Student Automobiles on School Property was also returned to the Policy Committee by the Board for additional clarification of suggested changes after a presentation from the Durham Police Department at their last Board meeting. Brian gave an example of a possible reason to search a student vehicle during a school event involving alcohol and how the suggested changes to this policy would cover this type of search. Language was added to clarify the collaboration of the District with the SRO as well as the Durham Police Department. This policy will also return to the Board at their next meeting for a first read.

Policy JICJ(A) – Technology Devices – K-8 Cell Phones/Personal Devices was returned to the Policy Committee by Todd Allen due to a scenario that had taken place at both the middle school and high school level, and it was discovered that this policy and the high school policy were inconsistent related to use on buses. Language was added to the middle school policy so that it aligns with the high school policy. No additional questions asked, and it is ready for a first read.

Policy ADB - Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free Schools – This policy was sent to the School Board for a first read at their September 18, 2019 meeting and was approved. Later, additional information was requested to be clarified pertaining to cross references and a request that this policy be reported back to the Board as an annual review. Policy committee reviewed the suggested addition of information and it will go back to the Board at their next meeting as a second read/adoption.

No additional questions or comments.

Meeting ended at 4:30 PM – Next meeting December 11, 2019

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy L. DiFruscio