

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

August 17, 2021

In attendance: Chair, Heather Ingham, Tammy Mahoney, Dawn Dutton, Jennifer Michitson and Superintendent Thomas Ambrose.

Chair Ingham called the meeting called to order at 4:03 PM in the Library at Sanborn Regional High School.

Ms. Ingham asked remote committee members to identify themselves at their respective locations. Ms. Mahoney said she is at home with other family members around and Superintendent Ambrose is at home utilizing his basement office.

Ms. Ingham asked for a Motion to review the Minutes of [6-2-21](#), moved by Ms. Dutton and seconded by Ms. Mahoney

Roll Call Vote: All in Favor

Ms. Ingham reported there are three policies to review today and the first is Policy BEDH-Public Participation at Board Meetings. Mr. Ambrose said the recommended change for this policy is in number 2, which would be revised to say Residents of Newton, Kingston or Fremont may offer comments on agenda items only. It is important to recognize that if an agenda item is not on the agenda, the public is not supposed to comment and each person speaking has 3 minutes. If there was a parent that wanted to speak who was not a resident but related to the student (a divorce situation, etc.) then the Board could vote to allow that person to speak. I would recommend the language as proposed to change it from members of the public to residents of Newton, Kingston or Fremont.

Ms. Mahoney is concerned that stakeholders would read this and feel excluded. Mr. Ambrose said the Board could waive a policy at any time, although we do not want to make a habit of it. (He cited when Eric Chinburg spoke about the agenda item on the Seminary). Ms. Mahoney suggested including staff. Discussion ensued. The group agreed to include parents of currently enrolled students and SRSD staff.

Ms. Ingham asked for a Motion on Policy BEDH. Ms. Dutton moved to recommend Policy BEDH to the Board for a 1st and 2nd Read with amendments as noted. Motion seconded by Ms. Mahoney.

Roll Call Vote: All in Favor

Ms. Ingham said the second policy for review is BEDB (Agenda Preparation and Dissemination).

Mr. Ambrose explained the change that NHSBA Attorney Phillips recommended in paragraph five regarding agenda items not on the agenda being presented. **Ms. Dutton made a Motion to amend the language from *When appropriate the Board may place such requests on the agenda to Decisions to include the agenda items suggested by staff members, students, or citizens shall be made consistent with Board policy BEDB*, seconded by Ms. Mahoney.**

No discussion

Roll Call Vote: All in Favor

Ms. Dutton amended her Motion to add that Policy BEDH will be presented to the school Board for a 1st and 2nd Read on August 18. Ms. Mahoney seconded the Motion (amending her previous second).

Roll Call Vote: All in Favor

Mr. Ambrose asked if he could give an update on the last agenda item, Policy IF (Instruction). Ms. Ingham approved his request. Mr. Ambrose said I am working with our attorney on this policy and since there is more work to be done, I am asking to move it to the next agenda. Ms. Ingham approved. Mr. Ambrose added that making this policy effective is critical on many levels and he wants to make sure it is done correctly.

Mr. Ambrose discussed future agenda items for policies G and I.

Ms. Ingham said the next meeting is 9-1-2021 at 5PM

Meeting adjourned at 4:19 PM

Recorder: Phyllis Kennedy