

Ms. Tracy Pelton, Chairperson – Presiding

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PRESENT: Board President Peggy Kelland (Ex-officio), Karen Karath, John Lumia

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Dwight Bonk, Dr. Michelle Cardwell, Ms. Pedro

There was no one from the public present.

Chairperson Pelton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.	CALL TO ORDER
1.) Policy 4526 – Computer Use in Instruction: this policy was reviewed by the Director of Technology but the committee asked for additional review by D. Lolkema	Assigned to D. Lolkema for review
2.) Policy 4600 – Guidance Programs. NYSSBA indicated that this policy could either remain as part of the manual or be non-essential. The committee agreed to maintain this policy. The committee discussed how to ensure that counselors were meeting with students to develop a plan. Counselor assist students in scheduling, socially/emotionally/ and act as a liaison between teachers and parents. The committee discussed the feasibility of counselors meeting with each student in a district this size. Dr. Bonk indicated that it can be done with the proper time managements.	Additional review by Committee at next meeting
3.) Policy 4710 – WCT contract does not allow for progress reports as often as recommended in the changes so that was removed. The committee discussed the administrative oversight for changing a student’s grades and a system of checks and balances in place.	First Reading as amended
4.) Policy 4810 – Teaching about Controversial Issues. The Committee discussed how Health classes begin at grade 7 but how any issue may be controversial at any grade. The committee supported providing teachers with talking points and not bringing up controversial issues for its own sake.	First Reading
5.) Policy 9241 – the law recently changed to allow the district to employ uncertified substitute teachers for 90 days. The district will work to keep certified subs as the first priority when filling classrooms. The Committee discussed hiring some subs as permanent building subs which may be attractive to subs when we offer benefits with salary.	First Reading amending 40 days to 90 days
6.) Policy 4340 – Continuing Education Programs. This program is self-sufficient and a money maker for the district. The offerings provided by the continuing education program are in addition to what is offered by DCC.	First Reading
7.) Policy 4322 – Programs for the Gifted and Talented – no changes	First Reading
8.) Policy 4325 – Academic Intervention Services – Academic Intervention Services are required by NYS and occurs during the school day.	First Reading
9.) Policy 4326 – Programs for ELL: no changes	First Reading
10.) Policy 4327 – Homebound Instruction. The committee discussed 4327-R item 1.12 and increasing the number of hours of instruction in K-6 from one hour per day to two hours per day	Additional review by Committee at next meeting; gather feedback from admin.

<p>11.) Policy 4334.1 High School Credit for College Courses – the committee discussed #4 and the credit and cost associated with courses that are part of an agreement and the district covers the cost and those that are for college credit and the student pays. Suggested revision to the wording to clarify when there is a cost to the district and when there is not.</p>	<p>Additional review to provide new language</p>
<p>12.) Policy 4350 Multicultural Global Education</p>	<p>First Reading</p>
<p>13.) Policy 4410 Grouping for Instruction – This policy was meant for grouping of elementary students with special reading groups. The groupings happen on a weekly basis. The committee revised the policy to add “at the elementary level” in bold text to make this distinction.</p>	<p>First Reading as amended</p>
<p>14.) The following policies had no changes: 4430, 4510, 4511, 4513, 4524, 4740, 4750, 4770, 4771, 4821, 4850</p>	<p>First Reading</p>
<p>15.) Policy 4531 Field Trips and Excursions Policy 4532 School Volunteers</p>	<p>Not yet reviewed by Administration (D. Lolkema)</p>
<p>16.) Policy 5152 Admission of Non-Resident Students – a teacher requested the board consideration of implementing a policy for student enrollment of children of staff members on a tuition free or tuition basis. The Committee received research on the policies of area districts. The committee discussed that some district provide this benefit as a perk to the employee benefits and some offer it as a way to deal with declining enrollment. The Committee will review a pros and cons list at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Additional review by the committee – prepare a pros and cons list</p>
<p>17.) Policy 4730 Homework – Discussion of K-2 homework in 4730-R. The committee discussed the evolution of homework to project based learning and engaging in the classroom, along with the different styles of teaching. Chairperson Pelton will gather input from principals and teachers at the elementary level. The committee will prepare a pros and cons list for the next meeting.</p>	<p>Additional review by Committee – prepare a pro and cons list. T. Pelton will gather input from principals and teachers.</p>
<p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Alberta Pedro
District Clerk