

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Remote via Zoom

[\(the meeting was live streamed and is available for viewing on the District's YouTube channel\)](#)

Attendees: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Eddy Sloshower, John Lumia, Dwight Bonk, Alberta Pedro

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chairman Peggy Kelland. Chairman Kelland introduced the committee members.

Roll Call:

Peggy Kelland, Board Member and Committee Chair

John Lumia, Board President, Ex-officio member of the committee

Linda Rappaport Board Member

Eddy Sloshower, Board Member (arrived at 4:27 p.m.)

Dwight Bonk, *(serving in an advisory capacity)*, Interim Superintendent & Deputy Superintendent of Human Resources

Alberta Pedro, District Clerk

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1. **Approval of Minutes** - Motion to approve the January 6 minutes. Motion by John Lumia, second by Linda Rappaport. Vote taken.
Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro
Not Present at Vote: Eddy Sloshower
Motion carried.

2. **Three Year Policy Review**

Policy	Discussion
5000 - Student Policies Goals	The committee reviewed this policy and made minor grammatical changes. Motion to recommend this policy, as amended, for First Reading made by John Lumia, second by Linda Rappaport. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro

	Motion carried.
5110 - Attendance Zone 5152 - Admission of Non-Resident Students	<p>The committee received the following items for review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the current Attendance Zone Policy, which permits waivers from the attendance zone with approval by the district; ● a draft revised attendance zone policy which would not permit students to attend school outside of their assigned attendance zone; ● the current admission of non-resident students policy, which does not permit non-resident student attendance; and ● research on attendance zone and non-resident student policies from other Dutchess County school districts. <p>The committee felt that it was premature to have a discussion on these policies and preferred to consider these policies next year once the district receives further direction and can reopen schools.</p> <p>Motion to table policies 5110 and 5152 to next year's review made by John Lumia, second by Linda Rappaport. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
5130 - Compulsory Attendance Ages	<p>The committee reviewed this policy and made minor grammatical changes. Motion to recommend this policy, as amended, for First Reading made by John Lumia, second by Linda Rappaport. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
5152.1 and regulation- Admission of Foreign Students	<p>The committee discussed the J-1 and F-1 visa process. The policy notes that students on a visa as part of a foreign exchange student program may attend district schools for one year. Additional information regarding students with a two-year visa was requested.</p> <p>Motion to table this policy to the next meeting made by John Lumia, second by Linda Rappaport.</p>

	<p>Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
5154 - Assignment of Students to classes	<p>No revisions were made. It will be noted that the policy was reviewed on 2/3/21.</p>
5162 and regulation - Student Dismissal Precautions	<p>The committee reviewed this policy and made minor grammatical changes. Motion to recommend this policy, as amended, for First Reading made by John Lumia, second by Linda Rappaport. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
5420 and regulation - Student Health Services	<p>The McKinney Vento liaison for the district is appointed at the re-org meeting every year. This is a staff member who provides support to homeless families as part of their normal job responsibilities, at no additional cost. The committee made minor grammatical changes. Motion to recommend this policy, as amended, for First Reading made by John Lumia, second by Linda Rappaport. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
5421 and regulation - Head Injury Management	<p>The committee discussed whether adding the sentence from regulation that students will not be permitted to participate in school athletics until cleared by medical personnel should be added to the policy. It was felt that it should remain in the regulation since the district can make a change immediately in regulation if needed. The committee made minor grammatical changes. Motion to recommend this policy, as amended, for First Reading made by John Lumia, second by Linda Rappaport. Vote taken.</p>

	<p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
5450.1 - Notification of Released Sex Offenders	<p>The committee made minor grammatical changes.</p> <p>Motion to recommend this policy, as amended, for First Reading made by John Lumia, second by Linda Rappaport.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
6240 and regulation - Investments	<p>The policy requires an annual review by the committee. The policy and regulation were reviewed by the Assistant Superintendent for Business. She noted no changes to the policy and regulation were required.</p> <p>The committee made minor grammatical changes.</p> <p>Motion to recommend this policy, as amended, for First Reading made by John Lumia, second by Linda Rappaport.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
6700 and regulation - Purchasing	<p>The policy requires an annual review by the committee. The policy and regulation were reviewed by the Assistant Superintendent for Business. She noted no changes to the policy and regulation were required.</p> <p>The committee discussed tabling this policy in order to seek clarification from the attorney on the last sentence in the policy that relieves employees from a cause of action against the district for failing to comply with provisions of the General Municipal Law. The District Clerk will seek clarification from the attorney and provide feedback at the next committee meeting.</p> <p>Motion to table this policy to the next meeting made by John Lumia, second by Linda Rappaport.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p>

	<p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Eddy Sloslower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
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3. New Business

<p>0320 - Evaluation of the Superintendent</p>	<p>The committee made minor grammatical changes to the policy. Motion to recommend this policy, as amended, for First Reading made by John Lumia, second by Eddy Sloslower. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Eddy Sloslower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
<p>0320-E Superintendent's Evaluation Tool</p>	<p>A subcommittee was charged with drafting a new Superintendent Evaluation Tool. The Policy Committee reviewed the tool. The tool uses evidence and data to support the objectives and goals in the evaluation. The committee members appreciated the work of the District Clerk in compiling various sources into one cohesive document. It was noted that the District Clerk would seek approval by the full Board at First Reading, waiving a Second Reading by the Board. It was requested that the District Clerk inform the Board that if they had any questions, they should be submitted before Monday's board meeting, as there will not be an opportunity for questions at second reading. Motion to recommend the Superintendent Evaluation tool for First Reading made by John Lumia, second by Eddy Sloslower. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Eddy Sloslower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>

4. Next Meeting Date

The Policy Committee will meet on **Wednesday, March 3 at 4:00 p.m.** A formal agenda will be forthcoming.

Motion to adjourn made by John Lumia, second by Eddy Slosower.

Vote taken.

Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Eddy Slosower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.