

## Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 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, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 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 (arrived 5:05 p.m.)

Linda Rappaport Board Member

Eddy Sloshower, Board Member

Daren Lolkema, Assistant Superintendent

Alberta Pedro, District Clerk

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1. **Approval of Minutes** - Motion to approve the February 3 minutes. Motion by Linda Rappaport, second by Eddy Sloshower. Vote taken.

Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro

Not Present at Vote: John Lumia

Motion carried.

2. **Old Business**

Policy	Discussion
5152.1 - Admission of Foreign Students	<p>The committee reviewed the attorney feedback related to a question about the enrollment of students whose families come to this country for work. Students in this situation would provide documentation to show that they have physical presence in the District and intend to remain would be sufficient to register in the District.</p> <p>Motion to recommend this policy, as amended, for First Reading made by Linda Rappaport, second by Eddy Sloshower.</p>

	<p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. Lolkema then made a motion to reconsider and moved to strike item #4 in the policy stating that the district will accept no more than five foreign exchange students per school from any single foreign exchange program. Motion by Daren Lolkema, second by Eddy Slosower.</p> <p>Discussion: Mr. Lolkema stated that there have only been a few requests for foreign exchange students over the years. Mr. Slosower and Ms. Pedro preferred that there be some reference to the law, which might provide a limit on the number of students permitted to enroll as foreign exchange students. Chairman Kelland indicated that policy shouldn't repeat the law and if it did, we would have to review the entire policy manual to add references. Ms. Pedro suggested the item be tabled so that further review of the referenced regulations can be done.</p> <p>Motion to table made by Eddy Slosower, second by Daren Lolkema.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
6700 and Regulation - Purchasing	<p>The committee reviewed attorney feedback regarding language in the policy that appeared to not hold employees responsible if they failed to follow the purchasing policy. It was explained that the language comes from General Municipal Law and does not mean that a staff member could not be held responsible from a disciplinary perspective. However, if there were unintentional mistakes, it would not void the procurement and purchase.</p> <p>Motion to update review date of this policy to 3/4/21 made by Linda Rappaport, second by Eddy Slosower.</p>

	<p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
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### 3. New Business

<p>0101 - Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms</p>	<p>Chapter 353 of the Laws of 2020 requires that school districts develop policies requiring all single-occupancy bathrooms in public schools be designated as gender neutral, with appropriate signage at the door. This was also addressed at the Capital Improvement Committee. Director Broas has ordered the signs. A sample policy was provided by NYSSBA, along with a letter from the school's attorney.</p> <p>Motion to recommend Policy 0101 for First Reading made by Linda Rappaport, second Eddy Sloshower.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
<p>Official Marks</p>	<p>The committee reviewed requests for a new Oak Grove image, as well as two new images for Wappingers Crew Club, along with the name.</p> <p>The committee discussed whether the school images should also contain the district mark "W", as recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee. None of the school images contain the district mark in their image.</p> <p>Motion made to recommend the new images and name for First Reading made by Eddy Sloshower, second Linda Rappaport.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>

	<p>Motion to request a discussion item at a Board meeting whether to add the district's mark "W" to all school symbols.</p> <p>Motion by Eddy Sloshower, second Linda Rappaport.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
8134 - Emergency Closings	<p>The committee reviewed this policy and only changed capitalization of building principal. The date reviewed was updated and the change made to the policy. Motion made by Linda Rappaport, second by Eddy Sloshower.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>

#### 4. Three-Year Policy Review

Policy	Discussion
5205 - Eligibility for Co-curricular and Extra-curricular Activities	<p>The policy and regulation were reviewed by Assistant Superintendent Cardwell. The Policy Committee made grammatical changes to the policy.</p> <p>Motion to recommend policy 5205 for First Reading made by Linda Rappaport, second Eddy Sloshower.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
5210 - Student Organizations	<p>The Policy Committee reviewed the policy, regulation, and first year charter application. A suggested revision to the policy included language taken from the DASA (Dignity for All Students Act) legislation; however, members of the committee felt it could be worded better.</p>

	<p>Motion to table this policy to the next meeting so that the District Clerk and Mr. Lolkema could provide the committee with revisions to that particular sentence.</p> <p>Motion to table made by Eddy Sloshower, second by Daren Lolkema.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. Lolkema clarified that principals approve clubs. They are provided with a limited budget for clubs each year. Therefore, a certain number of clubs would exist within a given year, based on available funding allocated to each building. It is a self-regulating system.</p>
5230 - Student Social Events	<p>The Policy Committee made grammatical changes to the policy.</p> <p>Motion to recommend policy 5230 for First Reading made by Linda Rappaport, second Eddy Sloshower.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
5252 - Student Activities Funds Management	<p>Assistant Superintendent Crandall reviewed the policy and regulation. She made no suggestions for revisions.</p> <p>The Policy Committee made grammatical changes to the policy.</p> <p>Motion to recommend policy 5252 for First Reading made by Linda Rappaport, second Eddy Sloshower.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>

5280 - Interscholastic Athletics	<p>The Policy Committee made grammatical changes to the policy.</p> <p>Motion to recommend policy 5280 for First Reading made by Eddy Sloshower, second Linda Rappaport.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
1900 - Parent and Family Engagement (policy and exhibit)	<p>The policy and exhibit were both reviewed by Assistant Superintendent Cardwell.</p> <p>The Policy Committee made grammatical changes to the policy.</p> <p>Motion to recommend policy 5280 for First Reading made by Linda Rappaport, second Eddy Sloshower.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
5100 - Attendance	<p>The Policy Committee discussed changes that included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under General Procedures/Data Collection, the process for parents to contact the school during a student's absence is not reflective of the current practice at the elementary or secondary levels. Mr. Lolkema will revise this section.</li> <li>• Under Attendance Incentives, the committee agreed to remove this section in its entirety; it was felt that oftentimes good students were overlooked and students who acted out were given "special" jobs, which could be seen as a "reward".</li> </ul> <p>Motion to eliminate the section under "Attendance Incentives." Motion made by Eddy Sloshower, second Linda Rappaport.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p>

	<p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, John Lumia, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p> <p>The Policy Committee made grammatical changes to the policy. Motion to recommend Policy 5100 for First Reading made by Eddy Sloshower, second Linda Rappaport. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, John Lumia, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p> <p><i>*Please note the Attendance Policy will not be on the Board agenda for First Reading. The reason is because a Public Hearing is required for any changes to the Attendance Policy. The Attendance Policy is incorporated into the Code of Conduct (not just referenced but actual text from the policy is in the Code of Conduct). As you know, the Code of Conduct requires a Public Hearing, so the Attendance Policy (with recommended revisions) and the Code of Conduct will be presented to the community when the Public Hearing for the Code of Conduct is scheduled in a few months, before the end of the school year.</i></p>
5550 - Student Privacy	Tabled to next meeting.

##### 5. Next Meeting Date

The Policy Committee will meet on **Wednesday, April 7 at 4:00 p.m.** A formal agenda will be forthcoming to include 6000 series of policies.

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

Vote taken.

Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Eddy Sloshower, John Lumia, Daren Lolkema Alberta Pedro

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.