

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 6, 2021
5:00 p.m.
District Office Board Room

Attendees: Peggy Kelland, Eddy Sloshower, John Lumia, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro

Absent: John S. Morgan

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Chairman Peggy Kelland
There was no one from the community in attendance.

1. **Approval of Minutes** - Motion to approve the September 14 minutes. Motion by John Lumia, second by Eddy Sloshower. Vote taken.
Yes: Peggy Kelland, Daren Lolkeman, Eddy Sloshower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro
Motion carried.

2. **Old Business** -

Policy	Discussion
6215 - Senior Citizens' Exemption and Discounts	<p>This policy was tabled from last school year. The Board grants a tax exemption to seniors 65 years of age or older who meet certain income requirements. The municipalities provide this exemption but the senior must reapply for it each year. While there is no obligation that the district inform the community about the availability of the senior exemption, the committee discussed whether we should post something on the district website with a link to the Town/Village assessor's office. Mr. Lumia indicated he would send a public announcement to the newspapers as a courtesy to the community.</p> <p>Motion to mark this policy as reviewed made by John Lumia, second by Eddy Sloshower. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Daren Lolkeman, Eddy Sloshower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>

3. NYSSBA Policy Update Services (April & July 2021)

Policy	Discussion
0100 - Equal Opportunity (and regulation)	<p>The attorney provided a recommendation to add “or other legally protected status” due to changes in federal and state laws. The committee agreed to not include definitions in the policy as it made the policy difficult to read.</p> <p>The district recommended changing 15 days to 30 days for the timeframe for making a finding. The committee agreed.</p> <p>Motion for first reading made by John Lumia, second by Eddy Slosower. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Daren Lolkeman, Eddy Slosower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
0115 - Student Harassment & Bullying Prevention and Intervention (and regulation)	<p>The attorney made recommendations to remove the definitions from the policy and regulation because if they are included, the district will be held to them during an investigation, which will be further restrictive to the district. Additional recommendations included gender neutral language, removing the hearing from Stage II of the grievance procedure, and removing Stage III appeal to the Board. The committee agreed with the attorney recommendations.</p> <p>Mr. Lolkema confirmed that under Intervention, the district does support restorative practices under remediation instead of just pure discipline, so the language should stay as is.</p> <p>In the regulation, under Prevention, the committee discussed removing the first bullet because the district no longer uses the whole child, which has been replaced with</p>

	<p>DASA. In the third bullet, the committee replaced the word “gathering” with “obtaining” information about bullying at school directly from students and removed the rest of the sentence. Obtaining Gathering information about bullying at school directly from students (through surveys and other mechanisms); analyzing and using the data gathered to assist in decision-making about programming and resource allocation.</p> <p>Under the investigation and Resolution Procedure section the committee agreed with the attorney recommendation to delete the assignment of a bus monitor, letter of apology, and writing letters of caution or reprimand.</p> <p>Motion for first reading made by John Lumia, second by Eddy Slosower. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Daren Lolkeman, Eddy Slosower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
<p>8131 - Pandemic Planning</p> <p>8130 - Emergency Plans</p>	<p>This policy is not required and the attorney recommended that it not be adopted since the district safety plan now speaks about the outbreak of contagious diseases, as well as the reopening plan</p> <p>No revisions are needed at this time since this is addressed in the district safety plan.</p> <p>The committee agreed with the attorney recommendation not to adopt these policies. Motion by Eddy Slosower, second by John Lumia. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Daren Lolkeman, Eddy Slosower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
<p>1530 - Smoking, Vaping and Other Tobacco Use on School Premises</p>	<p>The law was recently revised to specify that while smoking or vaping of cannabis may be legal in certain circumstances, it is still illegal on school grounds. Language was added about vaping.</p> <p>Motion for first reading made by John Lumia, second by</p>

	<p>Eddy Sloslower. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Daren Lolkeman, Eddy Sloslower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
5300 - Code of Conduct	<p>Not applicable, since the district already approved the Code of Conduct for the 21-22 school year.</p>
5420-R Student Health Services Regulation	<p>Not applicable, since the district's policy was already updated to reflect that there is no longer a religious exemption to vaccinations.</p>
5460 - Child Abuse, Neglect and Maltreatment in a Domestic Setting (and regulation)	<p>The attorneys recommended including new language regarding cooperating with child protective services in the event of a child abuse, maltreatment or neglect investigation. More gender neutral language was also included in the policy and regulation.</p> <p>Motion for first reading made by John Lumia, second by Eddy Sloslower. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Daren Lolkeman, Eddy Sloslower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
8635-E - Parents' Bill of Rights for Student Data Privacy and Security	<p>The attorney noted that NYSSBA's recommendations were stylistic and not substantive. The committee agreed to leave it as it is.</p> <p>Motion to mark this policy as reviewed made by Eddy Sloslower, second by John Lumia. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Daren Lolkeman, Eddy Sloslower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
2245 - Ex Officio Student Member of the Board	<p>The board does not have an ex officio student member so this policy does not need to be adopted.</p>
4000 - Student Learning Standards	<p>The committee previously tabled the Homework and Grading policies to allow for additional time for the</p>

<p>and Instructional Guidelines</p>	<p>district committees to meet and Dr. Cardwell could provide recommendations to the Policy Committee. Therefore, this policy should be tabled as well. Motion to table by Eddy Sloslower, second by John Lumia. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Daren Lolkeman, Eddy Sloslower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
<p>8110 - School Building Safety</p>	<p>The recommended policy changes to include that visual inspections only have to occur when required by NYSED, as opposed to annually, were revised by Director Ron Broas. Motion for first reading made by John Lumia, second by Eddy Sloslower. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Daren Lolkeman, Eddy Sloslower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
<p>8112 - Health and Safety Committee</p>	<p>Mr. Broas had confirmed there is more than one person (A. St. George and himself) that meets the requirement to include a member of the health and safety committee in the NYSED visual inspections. Therefore, the language proposed by NYSSBA should be added to the policy. Motion for first reading made by Eddy Sloslower, second by John Lumia. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Daren Lolkeman, Eddy Sloslower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
<p>8220 - Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection</p>	<p>The attorney provided recommended language related to the section on building condition surveys as well as a section on Visual Inspections. Motion for first reading made by John Lumia, second by Eddy Sloslower. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Daren Lolkeman, Eddy Sloslower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>

<p>8505 - Charging School Meals and Prohibition Against Shaming</p>	<p>This policy was reviewed by Ms. Crandall and the attorneys. The law was modified to prohibit school districts from filing a legal action to recoup unpaid meal charges from parents.</p> <p>The committee discussed how in the past there was a parent who made a donation to the school lunch fund to pay monies owed on delinquent accounts. There is no recourse for the school lunch fund to recover unpaid meals. On the other hand, you don't want to deny meals to students who can't pay. There is also the situation where families may feel why should I pay when other families do not. It seems to put the district in a bad financial situation.</p> <p>Motion for first reading made by John Lumia, second by Eddy Sloslower. Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Daren Lolkeman, Eddy Sloslower, John Lumia, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
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4. Tabled Policies and Three Year Policy Review

There are six policies which were tabled from last school year. The committee requested that Dr. Cardwell review the policies with their respective committees and provide the Policy Committee with recommendations either in January or February.

Chair Kellend will review the 6000-9000 policies and provide the District Clerk with an agenda for the next meeting.

5. Next Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee Meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 3 at 5:00 p.m. in-person at the District Office.** Mr. Lolkema requested an agenda item of policy 5140 - Entrance Age. He would like to clarify language in the policy regarding students who turn 5 on or before December 1 and the parent's decision to delay the enrollment of the student in Kindergarten to the following year. There has been leniency in the policy in the past and would like the policy to reflect current practice.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by John Lumia, second by Daren Lolkema.

Vote taken.

Yes: Peggy Kelland, Eddy Slosower, John Lumia, Daren Lolkema Alberta Pedro

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.