

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

4:00 p.m.

Remote via Zoom

*(the meeting was recorded and uploaded to the Policy Committee webpage
for viewing by the public)*

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Peggy Kelland.

Roll Call:

Peggy Kelland, Board Member

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

Linda Rappaport Board Member

Eddy Slosower, Board Member

Dwight Bonk, Deputy Superintendent of Human Resources

Alberta Pedro, District Clerk

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- 1. Approval of Minutes** - Motion to approve the August 11 minutes. Motion by John Lumia, second by Eddy Slosower. Vote taken.
Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Eddy Slosower, John Lumia, Dwight Bonk, Alberta Pedro
Motion carried.
 - 2. Replace References to Retention Schedule ED-1 with LGS-1** - Changes were made to replace all references to "shall" with "will" and all references to "ED-1" with "LGS-1"
 - **1120 - School District Records**
 - **5500 - Student Records**
 - **5710 - Violent and Disruptive Incident Reporting**Motion to recommend for First Reading by the Board made by John Lumia, second by Linda Rappaport. Vote taken.
Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Eddy Slosower, John Lumia, Dwight Bonk, Alberta Pedro
Motion carried.
 - 3. Three Year Policy Review** - Please note the following policies were also reviewed for references to "shall" and to revise "he/she" to gender neutral language, as recommended by NYSSBA.

| Policy | Discussion |
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| 4200 - Curriculum Management and 4350 - Multicultural/Global Education | <p>Policy 4350 Multicultural/Global Education is a non-essential policy. The Committee discussed combining specific sentences from the policy into the 4200 Curriculum Management Policy. Peggy Kelland suggested adding the following to policy 4200 under the section Curriculum Development, “To prepare our students for citizenship in a culturally diverse world, our school community will demonstrate a commitment to developing an understanding and appreciation of people of all cultures.</p> <p>Children will develop a broad base of knowledge about one's own and others' cultures, recognizing cultural diversity, while understanding the unity of purpose that contributes to a national perspective.”</p> <p>Motion by John Lumia to retire Policy 4350 and recommend Policy 4200 for First Reading, as amended, second by Eddy Slosower.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Eddy Slosower, John Lumia, Dwight Bonk, Alberta Pedro</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> |
| 4210 - District Syllabus | <p>No additional revisions besides changing “shall” to “will”. Recommended by consensus for First Reading.</p> |
| 4510 - Instructional Materials | <p>The Committee discussed the need for teachers to have the instructional materials they need (ie. hard copies, available for download, etc.) The Committee worked together to add the following as item #4 in the policy, “All teachers will be provided with items and programs deemed necessary to aid teaching and learning within curriculum and grade level, which includes any article or mechanism that aids in student instruction for the specific grade level by subject area, which may include but is not limited to instructional manuals, texts, manipulatives, charts and graphs, as well as access to online resources.”</p> <p>Recommended by consensus for First Reading.</p> |
| 4511 - Textbook Selection and Adoption | <p>The Board adopts textbooks. The textbooks are made available for the Board to review in the office of the district clerk before the board meeting and at the desk during the</p> |

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| | <p>board meetings, when they were in-person meetings. The Committee asked if there was a list of textbooks and literary works by grade level that already existed in the district and whether the materials were available at the District Office. The District Clerk will ask Dr. Cardwell about the status of a list of textbooks and literary works.</p> <p>Motion to table this policy for further discussion was made by John Lumia, second by Eddy Slosower. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Eddy Slosower, John Lumia, Dwight Bonk, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p> |
| 4513 - Library Materials Selection | <p>Changes to replace “shall” with “will” and to replace “he/she” with “they”.</p> <p>Motion to recommend for First Reading made by John Lumia, second by Linda Rappaport. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Eddy Slosower, John Lumia, Dwight Bonk, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p> |
| 4524 - School Libraries/Media Center | <p>Change to replace “shall” with “will”.</p> <p>Motion to recommend for First Reading made by Eddy Slosower, second by John Lumia. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Eddy Slosower, John Lumia, Dwight Bonk, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p> |
| 4526 - Computer Use in Instruction | <p>The Committee discussed whether it was necessary to add in language specific to the COVID-19 pandemic in the computer usage policy. Both NYSSBA and the attorneys advised against making policy changes were specific to the pandemic, as it would result in changes that would be very fluid. In addition, the Reopening plans would be better suited to address these areas.</p> <p>Changes to replace “shall” with “will”. Recommended by consensus for First Reading.</p> |

4. Item Tabled From Last Meeting

Policy 4740 - Honor Roll

The District Clerk Pedro provided the committee members with feedback from the districts in Dutchess County who responded for input on their Honor Roll policy. Some districts do not offer honor roll and many districts did not respond to our inquiry. The districts that do have honor roll, do things similarly. Many years ago a district committee of parents and staff reviewed what the qualifications should be for Honor Roll. The committee briefly discussed that many students make honor roll who are not enrolled in any honors courses. It is left up to the individual districts to determine the criteria. Being enrolled in honors courses is not a prerequisite for honor roll. Now, with remote learning, what will be the impact on a student's ability to learn? Concerns have been expressed that students are not prepared for college and career. It was suggested that there is a lot going on this year and perhaps the committee should revisit this topic next year with a committee of all stakeholders, including educators, parents and students.

Motion made by Eddy Slosower to suspend the honor roll discussion until the end of the school year or the beginning of next school year, with guidelines to put a committee together. Second by Peggy Kelland. Vote taken.

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

Motion carried.

5. Schedule Next Meeting

The Policy Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 7 at 4:00 p.m. A formal agenda will be forthcoming. Motion to adjourn made by Eddy Slosower, second by Linda Rappaport.

Vote taken.

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

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.