

Board Policy Committee Meeting

February 12, 2009

Present: A. Lindsay, Phil Minshall, Dan Pheils and Mary Clinton

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mary Clinton at 6:35 p.m.

This was the third meeting of the Board Policy Committee. The primary focus of this meeting was to discuss organizing the numbering system for the Board's Policies, identifying policies needing immediate attention and policies that could possibly be eliminated.

The Committee evaluated the standardized numbering system available and agreed to place our current policies in corresponding categories. (The Committee had previously been made aware that most schools in the District use a standardized numbering system.) It was also agreed that during the review process, numbering categories could be added, deleted or changed to meet the District needs. Our current policy numbering system will also be reviewed and changed to meet the standardized numbering system.

The Committee then decided on a "triage" of policies in need of immediate review. The Committee's recommendations of those policies and the suggested order of priority are as follows:

1. Policy 461, Electronic Devices, and 5136, Cell Phones and Electronic Devices, pertain to the same subject but are inconsistent. It is possible they could be combined. Discussion on cell phone use during a school lockdown is needed.
2. Policy 4040, Safety. Policies 212.1 and 890 could be combined and re-written into Policy 4040.
3. Policy 212.1, Policy for Bomb Threats, states the Superintendent "shall" evacuate the school in the event of a bomb scare or similar emergency. Proposed change from "shall" to "may".
4. Policy 890, Bomb Threat Procedures. This can possibly be combined with Policy 212.1, Policy for Bomb Threats.
5. Policy 347.4, School Lockers and Policy 452.11. Locker Inspections and Searches are repetitive and need to be combined.
6. Policy 171.2, Resolutions and Motions of the Board of Education, requires wording change and an evaluation of the last paragraph.
7. Policy 333, Community and Adult Education is in need of wording change: change language from mandatory to permissive.

8. Policy 341.4, Curriculum Development, is in need of wording change: the policy was written when the Superintendent was the curriculum director.
9. Policy 345.6, School Clubs and Organizations, will need to be re-evaluated upon the decision of the Board pertaining to organizations utilizing our tax identification number.
10. Policy 347.2, Dual Enrollment, could possibly need wording changes. Information is being gathered from the High School concerning when students can dual enroll.
11. Policy 347.76, Senior Trip Policy, is in need of wording changes in view of past practices of the Board. Recommendations will be given to the Board.
12. Policy 831.3, Flyer Distribution, the last paragraph which lists the approved organizations currently reads "Upwards Basketball". On October 18, 2006 the Board approved the word change to "Upwards Sports". The current policy will be changed to reflect this.
13. Policy 721.2, Sales of Surplus Property, gives the Superintendent a limit of \$100 before he needs to seek approval from the Board to sell surplus property. The committee would like to evaluate this amount with the possibility of raising it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Clinton, Vice President