

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2019

The Board of Education Policy Committee met at 1:00 p.m. on the above date at the school system headquarters, 2644 Riva Road in Annapolis. Board members present were Josie Urrea, Chair; and Julie Hummer, Michelle Corkadel, and Dana Schallheim, committee members. Staff members present were Jeanette Ortiz, Legislative and Policy Counsel; Darren Burns, Board Counsel; Bob Mosier Chief Communications Officer; Walter Federowicz, Director of Internal Audit; Nikki Burns, Legislative and Policy Specialist; and Molly Connolly, Executive Assistant to the Board. Also present was Tanisha Howard, Citizens Advisory Committee. Guests included Reverend Robert Walker, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church; and Reverend Denise Walker, St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Ms. Urrea opened the meeting with a review of the minutes of January 16, 2019. Ms. Corkadel moved to approve the minutes, which were approved by consensus.

The committee reviewed Policy BAF – Ethics and Conflict of Interest. Ms. Ortiz stated that the policy is being revised in accordance with State regulations. Many of the revisions in the 32-page policy involve cleanup language and she has reformatted the policy to make it more reader friendly. Mr. Burns drew the committee's attention to Section 9.f and the specific term "individual's governmental unit." Discussion ensued about the difference between the term "individual" and "person." He also commented that the term "governmental unit" means the Board of Education.

Relating to the requirement of a financial disclosure form to be filed, discussion arose about the reporting of gifts, and what constitutes a gift. Ms. Ortiz also drew the committee's attention to a new section of the policy on page 12, "Candidates to be Members of the Board," noting that the language has been added as a result of a new State law creating an elected Board of Education.

Ms. Schallheim requested that the committee bring Policy IFF – Special Education Programs for Students with Disabilities for discussion at the March meeting. Ms. Ortiz requested that questions and concerns be submitted a week before that meeting to ensure that she and staff could answer.

Ms. Urrea requested that Policy II – Grading to the March meeting for discussion. Ms. Urrea would like to discuss class rank.

After consideration in Policy Committee, Policy BAF will go to first reading on March 6, 2019. Adjourn: 1:40 p.m.