

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2018

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 Colin Reinhard, Chair; Julie Hummer, and Josie Urrea. Staff members present were Jeanette Ortiz, Legislative and Policy Counsel; Bob Mosier, Chief Communications Officer; Alex Szachnowicz, Chief Operating Officer; Les Douglas, Supervisor of Transportation; Walter Federowicz, Director of Internal Audit; Nikki Burns, Legislative and Policy Specialist; Bobbi Pedrick, Director of Special Education; Alison Barmat, Program Manager, Special Education Compliance; and Diane Howell, Administrative Associate to the Board. Also present was Tanisha Howard, Citizens Advisory Committee.

Mr. Reinhard opened the meeting with approval of the minutes of September 5, 2018. The minutes were approved by consensus.

The first policy under consideration was EAA – Eligible Riders. Ms. Ortiz commented that the policy was brought before the committee for discussion per Board request. Mr. Szachnowicz provided detailed background information and data regarding AACPS transportation, including an analysis of walking distances across all Maryland school systems and the costs resources associated with altering current distances. Mr. Szachnowicz and Mr. Douglas also answered questions by committee members regarding the utilization of bus stops, walking conditions, and crosswalk conditions. After discussion, the committee agreed to hold off on any revisions. Staff was asked to look at potential clarifying language in the Regulation relating to the distances of facility entrances.

The next policy under consideration was JK – Behavioral Interventions. Ms. Ortiz noted that the revisions in the Policy are stylistic but the revisions to several definitions and procedures in the Regulation align with recent COMAR updates. Ms. Pedrick and Ms. Barmat commented on several of the updates, specifically on physical restraints. After discussion, it was determined that the Policy will move to first reading on November 14, 2018.

The next Policy under consideration was BBC – Board Organizational Meeting and Board Officers. Ms. Ortiz commented on the need to determine when to hold the officer elections which are currently in July per the Policy. There was discussion about changing the election date to January or December because newly elected Board members will now take office in December beginning this year. There was also discussion regarding possible procedures in the event of simultaneous vacancies in the offices of the President and Vice President. Ms. Ortiz proposed a couple of options for consideration. After discussion, Mrs. Hummer said she would like to table this policy until the new Board is elected, at which time that Board can revisit the policy. The committee agreed.

The next policy under consideration was BF – Policy Setting. Ms. Ortiz noted that this Policy also references the appointment of committee members in July of each year. Mrs. Hummer said she would like to table this policy until the new Board is elected, at which time that Board can revisit the policy. The committee agreed.

Adjourn: 2:23 p.m.