

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2018

The Board of Education Policy Committee met at 12:00 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; Maneka Monk, Senior Manager of Communications; Alice Swift, Director of Safe and Orderly Schools; Walter Federowicz, Director of Internal Audit; Nikki Burns, Legislative and Policy Specialist; and Molly Connolly, Executive Assistant to the Board.

Mr. Reinhard opened the meeting with approval of the minutes of October 17, 2018. The minutes were approved by consensus.

The first policy and regulation for consideration was JCCB – Gang and Gang-Like Activities. Ms. Ortiz noted that the policy was drafted in accordance with state law. She also noted that the “Position” section is moved from regulation to policy. Mr. Reinhard asked questions about the definition of pattern of criminal gang activity. Ms. Ortiz will clarify that section of the regulation relating to 1000 feet in the definition. In the “Procedures” section of the regulation, Mr. Reinhard asked questions about the Gang Incident Reporting Form and discussion ensued about reporting requirements. Ms. Urrea asked about counseling for students who are associated with gangs and want to remove themselves from the activity. Discussion ensued on gang awareness, education, and counseling.

Ms. Ortiz said that she will follow-up on items discussed and the policy will go to the Board for first reading on December 5, 2018.

The next policy for discussion was JD – Student Suspension and Expulsion. Ms. Ortiz brought to the Committee’s attention a new section added to “Issue” under the policy.

In “C. Position. 3” Mr. Reinhard asked about parental presence in the student’s suspension or expulsion conference with an administrator. Ms. Swift said that parents can meet with the school principal per the regulation. It was also noted that the section on In-School Suspension in the regulation was taken directly from COMAR; and the last section in the regulation “Suspension and Expulsion of Students in Prekindergarten to Second Grade” was taken from state law.

Ms. Ortiz will make the changes discussed and the policy will go to the Board for first reading on December 5, 2018.

Adjourn: 12:55 p.m.