

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
ADMINISTRATIVE MINUTES DECEMBER 18, 2019

The Board of Education Policy Committee met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date at the school system headquarters, 2644 Riva Road in Annapolis. Board members present were Robert Leib, Chair; Julie Hummer, and Rida Alvi. Ms. Schallheim was in attendance as a guest to discuss policy KBA. Staff members present were Jeanette Ortiz, Legislative and Policy Counsel; Darren Burns, Board Counsel; Bob Mosier Chief Communications Officer. Nikki Burns, Legislative and Policy Specialist; Walter Federowicz, Internal Audit; and Diane Howell, Executive Assistant to the Board. Also present was Julia Howes, Vice Chair of the Citizen Advisory Committee.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Mr. Leib opened the meeting with approval of the minutes to the November 20, 2019 committee meeting. One minor correction was made. The minutes were then approved by consensus.

Policies and Regulations under review

BCA – Agenda Preparation and Distribution: Ms. Ortiz explained specific changes to the policy pursuant to the last policy committee meeting. Ms. Ortiz added clarifying language to section B. Issue related to the Maryland Open Meetings Act and section C.6 replacing “majority” with “affirmative votes of at least five members.” Ms. Ortiz reviewed the reorganization of sub sections C.2, C.3, and C.6 and the additional language added to C.3 related to factors considered when developing an agenda. Mr. Leib asked questions regarding the website, adding an agenda item that has timing implications the day of the meeting. Ms. Ortiz responded. Mr. Burns also responded. Ms. Alvi asked whether C.5. is required by the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Ortiz responded that it is not required, but it does meet the notice requirements. BCA-RA section C.1. will be aligned with proposed revised language. Mr. Burns asked a question regarding section C.3.b. Ms. Ortiz responded. The committee agreed to take the policy as a first reader to the January 22, 2020 meeting.

KBA – Citizen Advisory Committee: Mr. Leib introduced the policy and explained that it is being reviewed per Ms. Schallheim’s request. Mr. Leib provided an overview of Ms. Schallheim’s proposed revisions. Ms. Hummer and Mr. Mosier added comments. Ms. Ortiz raised the concern about moving regulatory language to the policy. Ms. Alvi asked whether regulations for this policy are necessary since the CAC is a Board committee. Ms. Ortiz and Mr. Mosier explained that regulations are necessary because the Board delegated responsibilities to the Superintendent. Ms. Howes also asked a question, specifically she would like clarity on “advisory versus advocacy”. Ms. Alvi asked that the word “diverse” in C.4 be more defined. Ms. Ortiz will review State language. The CAC will review the proposed changes that Ms. Schallheim has made and give Ms. Ortiz and the Policy Committee their feedback at the next meeting.

For the Good of the Order

Mr. Leib emphasized the importance of timeliness of the Committee meetings.

Adjourn: 5:01 p.m.