

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
ADMINISTRATIVE MINUTES FEBRUARY 28, 2022

The Board of Education Policy Committee met at 3:00 p.m. on the above date virtually. Board members present were Gloria Dent, Chair; Joanna Tobin, Board President; Melissa Ellis; and Bunmi Omisore. Staff members present were Jeanette Ortiz, Legislative and Policy Counsel; Grace Fielhauer, Legislative and Policy Specialist; Bob Mosier, Chief Communications Officer; Maneka Monk, Senior Manager of Communications; Alex Szachnowicz, Chief Operating Officer; Lisa Seaman-Crawford, Director of Facilities; Walter Federowicz, Director of Internal Audits; and Diane Howell, Executive Assistant to the Board.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** Mrs. Dent opened the meeting with approval of the minutes to the February 1, 2022, Committee meeting. The minutes were approved by consensus.

*Policies to Review*

**EJA – Sustainability Plan:** Ms. Ortiz introduced the policy and reviewed the revisions which have been brought to the Committee to align with new State law and IAC guidelines, including the incorporation of references to applicable federal, State, and local laws. The Committee approved by consensus to move the policy to first reading at the March 16, 2022, meeting of the Board of Education.

**JS – Pregnant and Parenting Students:** Ms. Ortiz introduced the policy and reviewed the proposed language which has been brought before the Committee to align with new State law and the MSDE model policy. The Committee approved by consensus to move the policy to first reading at the March 16, 2002, meeting.

*FYI ONLY*

**JCCA-RA – Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment, and Intimidation:** Ms. Ortiz explained that revisions were being made to the regulation in accordance and alignment with the recently revised Maryland State Department of Education Maryland’s Model Policy Prohibiting Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation. Ms. Ortiz added reference to political affiliation as a potential example of bullying in the background section at the Board’s request. The Committee discussed whether political affiliation should be included in the bullying definition. Ms. Ortiz advised against amending terms already defined in law and this suggestion was followed.

**Good of the Order:** None

**Adjourn:** 3:46PM