

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
ADMINISTRATIVE MINUTES DECEMBER 5, 2023  
(APPROVED)

The Board of Education Policy Committee met at 3:00 p.m. on the above date virtually. Board members present were Melissa Ellis, Joanna Tobin, Dana Schallheim, and Eric Lin. Staff members present were Grace Wilson, Legislative and Policy Specialist; Maggie Gosewisch, Specialist Support: Legislation & Policy; and Diane Howell, Executive Assistant to the Board.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** Mrs. Ellis opened the meeting with the approval of the minutes from the October 31, 2023, Committee meeting. The meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

**Policy**

**AF – Educational Equity:** Ms. Wilson explained that COMAR 13A.01.06.04, Educational Equity in Maryland, requires a review of this policy every three years. This policy was last reviewed in May of 2020. Anne Arundel County Public Schools staff did not recommend any changes to the policy.

Mrs. Ellis expressed concern regarding language in the Issue section of the policy, specifically the phrase, “[t]he promise of public education is for every child to succeed in school and life.” She felt that this language was too promissory and suggested it be amended to state that we provide the opportunity for every child to succeed in school and life. Ms. Wilson explained that the language contained in the policy mirrors language used on the federal and state level regarding public education. Mrs. Ellis also suggested the policy be amended to add language indicating the Board will pursue adequate funding to support the policy statements. Dr. Tobin stated that in her opinion if the Board adopts a policy on a matter, they are committed to funding it as well.

The Committee approved by consensus to move the policy to the full Board for consideration without adopting any changes.

**FYI Only - Regulation**

**AF-RA Education Equity:** Ms. Wilson explained that this regulation also needs to be reviewed every three years per COMAR 13A.01.06.04, Educational Equity in Maryland. AACPS staff updated Procedure statement 1 to clarify the gaps referenced are opportunity and achievement gaps. Procedure statement 6 was also revised to provide additional clarity to the phrase representative teachers.

**II-RA – Grading:** Ms. Wilson explained that staff updated the section of regulation regarding honor roll for middle school students to include language previously omitted in error.

**Good of the Order:** None

**Adjourn:** 3:24 PM