

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
ADMINISTRATIVE MINUTES OCTOBER 21, 2020
(UNAPPROVED)

The Board of Education Policy Committee met at 2:30 p.m. on the above date via teleconference. Board members present were Robert Leib, Chair; Candace Antwine, Julie Hummer, and Drake Smith. Staff members present were Jeanette Ortiz, Legislative and Policy Counsel; Bob Mosier Chief Communications Officer; Walter Federowicz, Internal Audit; Darren Burns, Board Counsel; and Diane Howell, Executive Assistant to the Board. Also present was Joy Lawson of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Mr. Leib opened the meeting by introducing Ms. Lawson, the new representative for the CAC. He then proceeded with review of the minutes for the June 17, 2020 committee meeting. The minutes were approved by consensus.

Policy to Review and Action

JCM – Access to Student Information – Military Recruiters, State or Federal Agencies or Institutions of Higher Education: Ms. Ortiz introduced the policy and then reviewed the changes which were made to provide clarification and to better align with federal and State laws. Ms. Ortiz reviewed the additions to the *PURPOSE* section, the language clean-up in the *ISSUE* section, and the addition to the *POSITION* section, #3 “AACPS shall provide parents/guardians the option to opt-out of the release of student directory information and shall comply with such a request.” The language was added to align with federal and State law.

Mr. Leib recommended bringing this policy to the Board for a first reading on November 4, 2020. Everyone was in agreement.

FYI Only – Regulations Amendments

DDH-RA – Property Control and Accountability: Mr. Federowicz asked whether AACPS is tracking Chromebooks being provided to AACPS students in accordance with the regulation. Ms. Ortiz indicated that this was her understanding but would confirm with Mr. Stanski.

IFE-RA – Gifted and Talented Identification

JCM-RA – Access to Student Information – Military Recruiters, State or Federal Agencies or Institutions of Higher Education

For the Good of the Order: Ms. Ortiz discussed the schedule for the 2020-2021 school year, specifically those policies which she intends to revise in the Fall of 2020. There was discussion on Policy JAA – Redistricting and Attendance Areas. Ms. Ortiz stated that the Policy will be discussed at the next meeting and she will bring a document with suggestions that have previously discussed and those that have recently been received. She noted that there has been conversation about moving regulatory language into the policy and there was agreement that it will be addressed similarly to how the Policy Committee addressed the CAC Policy.

Mr. Leib mentioned that the next meeting will be his and Ms. Hummer’s last meeting as their respective terms on the Board are up in December.

Mr. Leib asked whether Policy EB – Student Nutrition could be taken up in December and Ms. Ortiz indicated that she would follow-up with Ms. Risse.

Mr. Burns discussed having additional meetings perhaps in the summer. Ms. Ortiz and Ms. Howell noted the preference to keep July and August without meetings as staff is often on vacation in the summer. Ms. Ortiz also stated that the summer allows her and colleagues to prepare for the upcoming school year. Ms. Hummer pointed out that the Policy Committee typically meets 10 times a year and the current school year is unique because the first Policy Committee meeting was in October as opposed to September. It was determined that this was a conversation for the new Board members who will take office in December.

Adjourn: 3:00PM