

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - ADMINISTRATIVE MINUTES May 8, 2019

The Board of Education Policy Committee met at 1:00 p.m. on the above date at the school system headquarters, 2644 Riva Road in Annapolis. Board members present were Michelle Corkadel, Chair; Julie Hummer, Josie Urrea and Dana Schallheim. Staff members present were Jeanette Ortiz, Legislative and Policy Counsel; Darren Burns, Board Counsel; Bob Mosier, Chief Communications Officer; Walter Federowicz, Director of Internal Audit; Maneka Monk, Senior Communications Manager; Michele Batten, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Sally Egan, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services; Alex Szachnowicz, Chief Operating Officer; Ryan Voegtlin, Director of Student Services; Kellie Anderson, Coordinator of Psychological Services; Nikki Burns, Legislative and Policy Specialist; and Molly Connolly, Executive Assistant to the Board. Also present was Tanisha Howard, Citizens Advisory Committee Vice Chair.

Ms. Corkadel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked if there were any changes to the April 10, 2019 meeting minutes, of which there were none. The minutes were approved by consensus.

The Policy Committee reviewed two policies relating to student behavior. The first policy, JN - Student Behavioral Threat Assessment is a new policy, accompanied by a new regulation, JN-RA. Ms. Ortiz noted that Policy JN is new and modeled after the State policy, in accordance with State law requirements. It is also closely related to the local board's policy, GAD - Confidential Communication: Reporting of At-Risk Student Behaviors, and that cross references are noted. GAD already included a lot of what is required to be in JN but school systems are required to have a stand-alone threat assessment policy. Kellie Anderson spoke to the categories of Threat noting that the Low Risk Threat is referred to as Transient, whereas the Moderate and High-Risk Threats are referred to as Serious Substantive and Very Serious Substantive respectively. Under (D. Procedures, 1. Overview) Ms. Ortiz noted that the section refers specifically to requirements on reporting procedures if a threat has been expressed. The Committee also discussed School-Based Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams, as well as a special education component in assessments and interventions. Ms. Ortiz will make revisions to the regulation regarding the membership of the school-based teams. It was determined that Policy JN will go to the Board for first reading on June 5, 2019.

The next policy for review was Policy GAD - Confidential Communication: Reporting of At-Risk Student Behaviors. Ms. Ortiz noted several sections in the policy are being revised and incorporated into Policy JN, such as the definitions of the three categories of Threats. Ms. Ortiz will add clarifying language regarding parental notification to the regulation. After further discussion, it was determined that Policy GAD will go to the Board for first reading on June 5, 2019.

Committee members reviewed two versions of the 2019–2020 proposed policy committee calendar. Ms. Corkadel proposed that Policy Committee meetings occur at 4:00 p.m. on the

Wednesdays of evening Board meetings, as she believes that it will be a more convenient time for Board members, staff members and the public.

Adjourn: 2:10 pm. (Time did not allow for discussion of Policy JAA – Redistricting and Attendance Areas.)