

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
ADMINISTRATIVE MINUTES OCTOBER 23, 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 Michelle Corkadel, Chair; Julie Hummer, Rida Alvi and Dana Schallheim. Staff members present were Jeanette Ortiz, Legislative and Policy Counsel; Darren Burns, Board Counsel; Bob Mosier, Chief Communications Officer; Sally Egan, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Alice Swift, Director of Safe and Orderly Schools; Melisa Rawles, Director of Employee Relations; Doyle Batten, Supervisor of School Security; 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 Citizens Advisory Committee.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Ms. Corkadel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked if there were any changes to the September 25, 2019 meeting minutes, of which there were none. The minutes were approved by consensus.

Regulations under review

GC-RAH – Religious Observance Leave: The Division of Human Resources is responsible for this regulation. Ms. Ortiz explained that updates to the language within this regulation were made to align with Negotiated Agreements.

JCC-RAK - Students Charged with Community Offenses:

The Division of Student Support Services for Anne Arundel County is responsible for this regulation. Ms. Ortiz explained that the name of the Regulation has been changed to “Students Charged With Reportable Offenses in the Community.” Changes made to this regulation were to align with COMAR, the Criminal Law Article, and FERPA.

Ms. Hummer and Ms. Schallheim asked questions. Mr. Batten, Ms. Swift, and Ms. Egan responded.

Ms. Ortiz will take a look at 6.(a)(b) and follow-up.

Ms. Ortiz will also look at the language of 8. “Readmission to School” (“school” being the question).

Ms. Ortiz will follow-up on whether to add “arrest” to the title.

Policies under review

Policy BF – Policy Setting:

Ms. Ortiz discussed the purpose and the establishment of the policy with the committee. The Policy was amended to align with practice. Use of the word “annual meeting” was added to 1.(a). 2. Policy Development Process clarifying language was added. 3. Policy Adoption Process clarifying language was added. 4. Policy Format language was added to align, and d. was added. D. Implementation was added. The Board members agreed to move this policy to first reading at the November 6, 2019, meeting.

Policies for discussion

Policy JCD – Student Attire and Personal Appearance:

Ms. Ortiz reviewed the policy, the accompanying regulation, and Ms. Antwine’s proposed revisions. The Committee agreed that no revisions were needed at this time. There was discussion on the Policy’s history, past stakeholder involvement, and the law. It was agreed that the committee would keep this policy and its regulation open to further review and discussion.

Policy KG – Violence and Vandalism:

Ms. Ortiz reviewed the policy and Ms. Antwine's proposed revisions. The Committee agreed that no revisions were needed at this time. It was agreed that the committee would keep this policy open for further review and discussion.

For the Good of the Order: Nothing to report.

Adjourn: 5:10 p.m.