

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
ADMINISTRATIVE MINUTES June 17, 2020

The Board of Education Policy Committee met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date via teleconference. Board members present were Robert Leib, Chair; Candace Antwine, Julie Hummer, and Rida Alvi. Staff members present were Jeanette Ortiz, Legislative and Policy Counsel; Bob Mosier Chief Communications Officer; Maneka Monk, Senior Manager of Communications; Nikki Burns, Legislative and Policy Specialist; Walter Federowicz, Internal Audit; Darren Burns, Board Counsel; and Diane Howell, Executive Assistant to the Board. Also present was Julia Howes, Vice Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Staff Members present were Michele Batten, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Jodi Risse, Supervisor of Food and Nutrition Services; and Christiana Walsh, Coordinator, Health, Physical Education, and Dance.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Mr. Leib opened the meeting with approval of the minutes to the May 20, 2020 committee meeting. The minutes were approved by consensus.

Policy to Review

AE – Wellness: Ms. Ortiz introduced the policy and the regulation then discussed the most recent edits, which align with State and federal requirements and the Maryland State Board of Education or were stylistic. Section C. 7. added language related to the location of wellness resources on the AACPS website. Section C. 8. removed language and added it to the regulation as it was procedural in nature and language was added regarding triennial assessments performed by the Wellness Council. Section C. 9. added clarifying language related the Council reporting to the Superintendent and the Board. Section D. was updated to align with the standard Implementation language.

Ms. Ortiz also discussed language added to the regulation for clarity and to align with language in the policy. Mr. Leib recommended bringing this policy to the Board for a first reading on July 8, 2020. Everyone was in agreement.

IFC – Physical Education: Ms. Ortiz introduced the policy and then reviewed the changes due to State requirements and alignment with the Maryland State Framework. Section C. added “in accordance with Code of Maryland Regulation.” Section C.2. added “standards-based” for clarity. Subsections C. 3. a-h were amended to align with State regulations and new language was taken verbatim from State regulatory requirements.

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For the Good of the Order: Mr. Leib reviewed the pandemic policy idea and updated the Policy Committee on information from Mr. Mosier and Ms. Ortiz. Ms. Ortiz provided an update as to what other school systems, Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), and other entities are doing. There was discussion about MSDE’s recovery plan, which is fluid and being revised as needed. Mr. Leib suggested collecting best practices from the State and around the country as he and staff continue to examine current emergency plans. Ms. Antwine commented on how the Board should remain actively engaged on how the current approach to the pandemic unfolds. Ms. Ortiz clarified that a significant amount of work is being done and gathering and tracking information is ongoing on both an internal and external level before it can be consolidated into a plan or policy. Ms. Hummer and Ms. Alvi agreed that continuing to gather information is currently the best approach. Mr. Leib will inform the Board on how the Policy Committee plans to proceed with this project. Mr. Burns recommended looking to organizations like FEMA for resources. All members agreed with continuing to look at how we work towards a framework.

Julie Howes introduced Joy Lawson as the new Citizens Association Committee Representative on the Policy Committee. Joy can be reached at Northcounty1cac@gmail.com.

Adjourn: 4:36PM