

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
ADMINISTRATIVE MINUTES NOVEMBER 1, 2022

The Board of Education Policy Committee met at 3:00 p.m. on the above date virtually. Board members present were Gloria Dent, Joanna Tobin, and Melissa Ellis. Zachary McGrath was absent. Staff members present were Jeanette Ortiz, Legislative and Policy Counsel; Grace Fielhauer, Legislative and Policy Specialist; Bob Mosier, Chief Communications Officer; Walt Federowicz, Internal Audit; Darren Burns, Board Counsel; and Jackie Money, Associate Assistant to the Board.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** Mrs. Dent opened the meeting with the approval of the minutes from the October 3, 2022, Committee meeting. Mr. Burns suggested replacing the word “repercussions” in the discussion of Policy BK with “remedies”. This amendment to the meeting minutes was approved and the minutes as amended were approved by consensus.

*Policies*

**GAJ – Whistleblower Protections:** This policy was created as a result of new State law requiring local education agencies to have a written whistleblower process. Mr. Burns suggested that the purpose statement be amended to refer specifically to State Whistleblower Laws rather than State law generally. Ms. Ortiz and the Committee agreed. There was consensus amongst the members to bring this policy to first reading before the Board of Education.

**GAZ – Reemployment After Military Service:** Ms. Ortiz explained that this is an old policy that is being updated to align with current formatting. No substantive revisions are being made. The Committee agreed by consensus to adopt technical edits to Policy GAZ.

*FYI – Regulation*

**EG-RA – Naming Facilities:** This regulation was updated to align with recently adopted changes to Policy EG – Naming Facilities. Mrs. Ellis raised concerns regarding the perception of bias on the part of principals when appointing members to a school naming committee. She would like the Committee to keep this concern in mind when considering future policies and regulations.

**GAJ-RA – Whistleblower Protections:** Ms. Ortiz explained that this regulation is in alignment with State law. She noted that the regulation outlines the complaint process, prohibited conduct, and the appeals process.

**Good of the Order:** None

**Adjourn:** 3:40PM