

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
ADMINISTRATIVE MINUTES JANUARY 3, 2023

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 Grace Wilson, Acting Legislative and Policy Specialist; Bob Mosier, Chief Communications Officer; William Coale, Internal Audit Office; Darren Burns, Board Counsel; and Gail McCrary, Executive Administrative Assistant.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Dent opened the meeting with the approval of the minutes from the November 1, 2022, Committee meeting.

Policies

Policy BBF – Amendments Proposed By the Audit Committee: Ms. Wilson explained that Policy BBF was remanded to the Policy Committee at the December 7, 2022, Board of Education for the consideration of two amendments proposed by the Audit Committee. The first amendment proposed adding to Section C.6. the phrase, “or judicial or court authority.” The second amendment proposed rewording Section D. Implementation to clarify that the Superintendent shall review the Internal Audit Charter and the Board President and Director shall approve the Internal Audit Charter. By consensus, the Committee incorporated these two amendments into Policy BBF. The Policy will move to second reading at the January 18, 2023, Board meeting.

Policy JG – Students Fees, Fines, and Chargers: This policy is being updated to reflect current school system practices and to align with the requirements of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future (Blueprint). The Blueprint requires that students meeting college and career (CCR) standards have access to post-CCR pathways at no cost to students, including AP or IB programs, dual enrollment or early college programs, and career and technical education programs.

Mr. Burns suggested amending the language in section C.5. to allow students who break or damage AACPS equipment, materials of instruction, or supplies through carelessness, irresponsibility, or negligence to pay back the school systems in a manner other than restitution. Ms. Wilson explained that state regulations require restitution in certain circumstances and suggested incorporating reference to Regulation JCG-RA – Care of School Property by Students to provide clarity. The committee agreed by consensus to replace the language in C.5. with the following, “Any student who violates State or local law or regulation and as a result of this violation damaged, destroyed, or substantially decreased the value of AACPS property or the property of another on school property at the time of the violation shall be responsible for reimbursing the school system as described in Regulation JCG-RA – Care of School Property by Students.”

First reading for this policy will be January 18, 2023.

Good of the Order: None

Adjourn: 3:31PM