

Minutes

Policy Committee Meeting  
Waterford Board of Education  
15 Rope Ferry Road  
January 9, 2014

Present: Mr. Kenney, Mrs. McCarty, Mrs. Nazarchyk

Absent: Ms. Cote

Staff: Mr. Powers, Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. McCarty established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Motion: That the Policy Committee approve the minutes of December 12, 2013.  
Nazarchyk, Kenney: 3-0

The policy committee first discussed the proposed deletion of policy 4117.3 – Teacher Layoff and Recall. Mr. Powers explained that the teacher’s collective bargaining agreement contains more detailed provisions of layoff and recall of teachers. Additionally, this policy only pertains to teachers so deletion of this policy will not affect decisions regarding other district staff. The committee agreed the policy should be brought forward for deletion at the next Board of Education meeting.

The committee next reviewed the proposed revisions to policy 5132 – Dress and Grooming. Mr. Powers reported that the education of secondary staff and students on the proper dress has greatly reduced any incidents of students wearing inappropriate clothing. The committee adjusted some of the wording so as not to be too ambiguous and agreed that with those revisions, the policy can be brought forward to the Board of Education.

Mr. Powers next reviewed changes to policy 6111 – School Calendar. Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, we are legislatively required to adopt the calendar developed by LEARN. Waterford has participated in the regional calendar for the past few years, so this is not a new practice to the district. Discussion also centered on the setting of a graduation date, which is also statutorily mandated. This policy will move to the Board of Education for a first reading.

The committee next discussed policy 6112 – School Day. In keeping with the Board of Education’s goal to update the policy manual, this was one that needed updating to remove references to half day kindergarten as the district now offers only full day kindergarten. This policy will be brought to the Board of Education.

Mr. Powers reviewed proposed changes to 6162.51 – Surveys of Students. It is recommended to rename this policy to Student Privacy and move it to the 5000 series. Some questions arose as the committee discussed various aspects of this policy. This policy will return to the committee at the next meeting to analyze the advice provided by legal counsel.

Motion: That the Policy Committee adjourn its meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
Nazarchyk, Kenney: 3-0

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Kathleen McCarty  
Recording Secretary