

Minutes

Policy Committee Meeting
Waterford Board of Education
15 Rope Ferry Road
March 7, 2016

Present: Ms. Benvenuti, Mr. Merriman, Ms. Nazarchyk

Absent: None

Staff: Mr. Giard, Superintendent; Mr. Powers, Assistant Superintendent

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

Motion: That the Policy Committee approve the minutes of August 11, 2015.
Merriman, Benvenuti: 3-0

Mr. Powers began the meeting by explaining existing policy 2231 which explains the policy and regulation system. Since there are new members to the committee, Mr. Powers wanted them to know how we form the list of work for the school year. Much of the work is due to legislative changes and based upon recommendations from legal counsel. Of course, the Board may propose policies for review at any time.

Mr. Powers introduced changes to policy 5141.21. The changes add provisions for the administration of anti-epileptic medication to a student with a medically diagnosed epileptic condition. The committee agreed with the revisions and will move the policy forward to the Board of Education for a first reading.

Mr. Powers reviewed the changes to both policy and regulation 5141.3 – Health Assessments and Immunizations. The committee discussed the changes surrounding new legislative requirements that religious exemptions be acknowledged by certain individuals (such as a judge or notary public). Mr. Powers provided an overview of district procedures when registering a student and how the school nurses handle the immunization requirements. This policy will move for a first reading.

The committee next reviewed changes to policy and regulation 5141.32 – Health Screenings. Changes discussed included revisions to the ages for required vision, audiometric and postural screenings. The Superintendent must now notify parents when students did not participate in the screenings. The committee will send this policy for a first reading.

The proposed removal of existing policy 0512 – Equal Opportunity Plan was reviewed. This policy is from 2003 and contains outdated language. Legal counsel has recommended removing this policy since the appropriate and current language is contained in our nondiscrimination policies – 4111.1/4211.1 (personnel) and 5100 (students). The committee will move this proposed deletion to the Board.

Motion: That the Policy Committee adjourn its meeting at 6:05 p.m.
Merriman, Benvenuti: 3-0

Respectfully submitted,
Ms. Nazarchyk
Recording Secretary