

**AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 MEETING**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Tom Hurley, Ms. Paula Cofrancesco, Ms. Sue Cohen, and Ms. Sheila McCreven.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Co-Chairperson Diane Urbano

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Charles Dumais

A meeting of the Policy Committee of the Amity Regional Board of Education (BOE) was held on September 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hurley called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 21, 2017

(enclosure)

Motion by Ms. McCreven to approve the minutes as submitted.

Ms. McCreven noted that the page header in the minutes was missing from pages 2 and 3.

Mr. Hurley called for a vote to accept the minutes as corrected.

Vote in favor, 3-0 (Ms. Cohen, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. McCreven)

Motion carried

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BYLAW 9132.6 (enclosure)

Dr. Dumais stated that a legal opinion/response was received from Berchem and Moses to the questions that the Board of Education posed at their September meeting and that a response from CABA will be received by Tuesday, September 19, 2017. Dr. Dumais read the answers to the questions to the Committee. The Committee engaged in lengthy discussion regarding the answers to the questions as well as other definitions and concerns as they pertain to Bylaw 9132.6.

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Motion by Ms. McCreven to hold action on Bylaw 9132.6 until after the Special Board of Education meeting on September 25, 2017.

Vote in favor, 1 (Ms. McCreven)

Vote opposed, 2 (Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen)

Motion defeated

Motion by Ms. Cohen to eliminate sentence regarding notification (page c, 2nd paragraph) "In such case, the Board will provide public notice in local newspapers that the proposed budget was not recommended by the AFC."

Vote in favor, 2 (Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen)

Vote opposed, 1 (Ms. McCreven)

Motion carried

Motion by Ms. McCreven to add a sentence in place of the deleted sentence to read, "In all cases the Board will include the individual votes of the AFC members and the BOE members in the explanatory text."

Vote, in favor, 1 (Ms. McCreven)

Vote, opposed, 2 (Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen)

Motion defeated

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 1000 SERIES

Chairperson Hurley opened discussion on the 1000 Series by beginning with Policy 1140.1.

Policy 1140.1

There is no current policy, and Dr. Dumais does not deem it necessary to add this policy.
Discussion followed.

Motion by Ms. Cohen that policy 1140.1 not be added.

Vote in favor, 3-0 (Ms. Cohen, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. McCreven)

Motion carried

Policy 1150

There is no current policy. Discussion followed.

Motion by Ms. McCreven to table further discussion on Policy 1150 pending research by Dr. Dumais.

Vote in favor, 3-0 (Ms. Cohen, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. McCreven) Motion carried

Policy 1160

There is no current policy. Discussion followed.

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Motion by Ms. Cohen that policy 1160 not be added.

Vote in favor, 3-0 (Ms. Cohen, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. McCreven)

Motion carried

Policy 1170

This is a current policy. Discussion followed regarding this policy and its link to Policy 7551. The Committee decided to keep the policy intact and add a reference to Policy 7551.

Motion by Ms. McCreven to keep this policy intact, add a reference to Policy 7551, and move it to the BOE for a first read.

Vote in favor, 3-0 (Ms. Cohen, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. McCreven)

Motion carried

Policy 1180

Motion by Ms. Cohen to keep this policy intact and move it to the BOE for a first read.

Vote in favor, 3-0 (Ms. Cohen, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. McCreven)

Motion carried

Policy 1120

There was a short discussion regarding Policy 1120 as it pertains to new policy recommendations that have just come out from the National Education Association (NEA) regarding immigration and ICE.

Policy 1411

Motion by Ms. McCreven to take Policy 1411 out of order and discussion tonight as it addresses a timely issue.

There was discussion; the Committee members had not read Policy 1411 and were not prepared to discuss it at this meeting.

Ms. McCreven amended her motion to request that policy 1411 be on the agenda for the Policy Committee meeting on October 23rd.

Vote in favor, 3-0 (Ms. Cohen, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. McCreven)

Motion carried

The Committee requested that Dr. Dumais include the four options for Policy 1411 in the packet for the BOE meeting on October 16th.

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Policy 1200

There is no current policy.

Motion by Ms. McCreven to table Policy 1200 until the next meeting for allow for further research and clarification.

Vote in favor, 3-0 (Ms. Cohen, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. McCreven)

Motion carried

Policy 1205

There is no current policy.

Policy 1210

This is a current policy.

Motion by Ms. McCreven to make changes to the text of Policy 1210 as follows: "parent, teacher, student organizations (PTSO)/parent, teacher organizations (PTO)," rather than "associations" and to move it to the BOE for a first read.

Discussion followed

Vote in favor, 3-0 (Ms. Cohen, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. McCreven)

Motion carried

6. OTHER

At the next meeting the Committee will begin with Policy 1411 and then move on in the 1200 series beginning with Policy 1212. The Committee members were requested to read ahead in the 1200 series to be prepared for the next meeting.

7. ADJOURN

Motion by Ms. Cofrancesco to adjourn at 7:31 pm

Vote in favor, 3-0 (Ms. Cohen, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. McCreven)

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Natzel, Recording Clerk