

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Paula Cofrancesco, Ms. Sue Cohen, Mr. Tom Hurley, Ms. Sheila McCreven (5:40 pm), and Ms. Diane Urbano

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Charles Dumais

A meeting of the Policy Committee of the Amity Regional Board of Education (BOE) was held on August 21, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the District Office Conference Room.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Hurley called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. Mr. Hurley introduced Ms. Urbano as co-chairperson and Ms. Cofrancesco as new member of the Policy Committee. Mr. Hurley explained that Ms. Carlson will no longer be on the Policy Committee.
2. **Approval of minutes:** June 19, 2017 (Enclosure)

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

A typographical error correction was noted on page 2, change, policy number 111.2 to 1111.2 and 111.3 to 1111.3. Names of all committee members need to be added to all votes that do not include names. Minutes were amended and re-submitted for posting

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

Motion Carried

3. **Public Comment – None.**

4. **Discussion and possible action on 1000 series**

Dr. Dumais gave the Committee information regarding policy 5131.111 as per the Committee’s request at the last meeting. Comments regarding this policy written by former Board member Ms. Russo were evaluated by CABE and their recommendation was that this is “better placed in an administrative regulation rather than a policy”. Discussion of policy 5131.111 will be moved to the next meeting agenda. Dr. Dumais will draft a proposed policy and regulation for the Committee to read before the next meeting.

Dr. Dumais reported on CABE’s evaluation of Policies 1112 and 1112.5. CABE stated that these could be consolidated into one policy and that it would not be necessary to have both.

Motion by Ms. Cohen to move Policy 1112 to the Board for a first read.

Vote in favor, 4-0 (Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Ms. McCreven and Ms. Urbano)

Motion carried

Motion by Ms. McCreven to strike Policy 1112.5 from the Policy Manual

Vote in favor, 4-0 (Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Ms. McCreven and Ms. Urbano)

Motion carried

Motion by Ms. McCreven to strike Policy 1112.6 from the Policy Manual

Discussion followed.

Ms. McCreven rescinded her motion to strike.

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Motion by Ms. Urbano to use the CAFE Policy 1112.6 to replace the current Policy 1112.6 in the Policy Manual.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Urbano amended her motion to use the CAFE Policy 1112.6 with the deletion of the third paragraph in section 2.

There was further discussion.

Motion by Ms. Cohen to table further discussion on Policy 1112.6 and to tie discussion of this policy to discussion of Policy 5131.6, which will take place at the next Committee meeting.

Vote in favor, 4-0 (Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Ms. McCreven and Ms. Urbano)

Motion carried

Motion by Ms. Urbano to move CAFE policy 1114 to the Board for a first read.

Discussion followed.

Vote in favor, 4-0 (Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Ms. McCreven, and Ms. Urbano)

Motion carried

CAFE policy 1115 is not a current policy and is not necessary.

Motion by Ms. Urbano to move Policy 1120 to the Board for a first read.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Ms. Cohen to eliminate Policy 1120 because the same information is covered by Policy 9325.

There was some discussion; the Chair requested a recess at 6:50 for Dr. Dumais to retrieve copies of Policy 9325 for the Committee members. Further discussion ensued.

Vote in favor, 4-0 (Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Ms. McCreven, and Ms. Urbano)

Motion carried

Motion by Ms. McCreven to strike Policy 1140 from the Policy Manual.

Discussion followed

Vote in favor, 1 (Ms. McCreven)

Vote opposed, 3 (Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Urbano)

Motion defeated

Motion by Ms. Cohen to move Policy 1140 to the Board for a first read with no changes.

Discussion followed.

Vote in favor, 3 (Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Urbano)

Vote opposed, 1 (Ms. McCreven)

Motion carried

The Committee will pick up policy discussion at their next meeting with Policy 1140.1. Dr. Dumais requested that the Committee members read the next five policies in the manual from this starting point with the intent of moving the Committee's work along at a quicker pace.

Motion by Ms. Cohen to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Vote in favor, 4-0 (Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Ms. McCreven and Ms. Urbano)

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Natzel, Recording Clerk