

MINUTES

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**, Ms. Sue Cohen, Mr. Tom Hurley, Ms. Sheila McCreven and Ms. Diane Urbano.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**Staff members present:** Dr. Charles Dumais

**Also present:** Mrs. Ruth Natzel

A meeting of the Policy Committee of the Amity Regional Board of Education (BOE) was held on January 25, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the Superintendent's Conference Room at the Amity District Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Hurley called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. **Public Comment** - None

3. **Discussion and possible action on the following policies:**

A. **3542.331 – Food vendors**

B. **3542.22 – Food service personnel – code of conduct**

Mr. Hurley turned the meeting over to Dr. Dumais for information regarding the policies on the agenda. Dr. Dumais went over changes in the language of the vendor policy (342.331)

There was much discussion among of the Committee members regarding the need for food vendors on the grounds of Amity High School and what the requirements for said vendors would be to allow them to operate on school grounds, i.e., insurance, criminal background checks and fees charged by Amity which could be quite high. It is understood that there are a large number of students who are at the high school from early morning until late into the evening due to athletic, academic and other responsibilities and endeavors and that there is no easy access to food for these students.

A suggestion was made that particular athletic teams could pair with a food vendor who would be contracted to supply food and agree to give the team a percentage of the funds taken in; this would be in lieu of the various team booster clubs selling food and drink .

Ms. Cohen moved to table the discussion of policy 3542.331, Food vendors, until the next Committee meeting.

**Vote unanimous**

**Motion carried**

Dr. Dumais will send a note to the Chamber of Commerce inquiring about vendors who might be interested in coming to the high school. He will also talk to Ms. Lumas about the fee that would be charged and to find out what vendors have actually come to the high school in the past year. This information will be available to the Committee for the next meeting.

Dr. Dumais explained that the policy 3543.22, Food service personnel, code of conduct, is required by the federal government/USDA.

Mr. Hurley asked about the wording in #3 of the policy that might prevent food service workers from purchasing lunch in the cafeteria. It is noted that item #3, #4 and #5 in the policy do not make clear who the subject of the sentences are, in contrast to the rest of the policy. Dr. Dumais stated that the language here is from CAFE. He will check on this and come back to the Committee with clearer language.

Ms. McCreven asked about the possibility of having CAFE come in and assist and/or consult with the large amount of policy work that the Committee has before it. Dr. Dumais suggested that at this point the Committee continue with the list that is already in place and work toward being ready for another policy audit in the future. An audit later on will then show what policies are open and will provide a new list of priorities.

**4. Adjourn**

*Motion by Ms. Cohen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. McCreven to adjourn at 6:33 pm*

**Vote unanimous**

**Motion carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Natzel, Recording Clerk