

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 and Mr. James Stirling.

A meeting of the Policy Committee of the Amity Regional Board of Education (BOE) was held on March 21, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the Superintendent’s Conference Room at the Amity District Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom 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

Dr. Dumais stated that changes were made in “#10 ...vendor’s expense...”. There was discussion among the Committee regarding a background check applying only to the vendor or also to the vendor employees; also discussed was whether or not there should be a provision for any exceptions such as if a person was convicted of abuse or injury to a minor, distribution or illegal drugs, etc.

Motion by Ms. McCreven, 2nd by Ms. Cohen, to recommend policy 3542.331 to the full Board as written.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

B. 3542.22 - Food service personnel – code of conduct

Motion by Ms. McCreven, 2nd by Ms. Cohen to recommend policy 3542.22 to the full Board as written.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

C. 1212 – School volunteers

Dr. Dumais made the Committee aware of the changes made to the volunteer form after input at the previous Policy Committee meeting and the full Board meeting.

Motion by Ms. McCreven to send policy 1212 to the full Board as amended.

There was lengthy discussion by the Committee members, along with Mr. Stirling, regarding the changes on the form regarding all felonies versus some felonies, whether or not a minor was involved, and how long ago the felony was committed.

Chairman Hurley called the question

Vote – Ms. McCreven in favor, Ms. Urbano and Ms. Cohen opposed

Motion died.

Motion by Ms. Cohen to change the language on the volunteer form to read “convicted of a felony involving a minor or within the last 5 years” and to send policy 1212 to the full Board with that change.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

D. 3320 – Purchasing procedures and 9132.6 – Amity Finance Committee

Dr. Dumais explained that a portion of this policy, 3320(m) intersects with the Board bylaws, 9123.6 and that as such the regulation may need to be modified.

Mr. Hurley stated that he received a request from the Board Chair, Mr. Blake, that the Policy Committee take a look at the entire policy 9132.6 and make changes as deemed appropriate and necessary by the Committee so that they agree with the bylaws.

There was much discussion regarding the bylaws, policy and regulation. The Committee felt that feedback from Dr. Dumais about this would be very helpful.

Motion by Ms. Cohen to allow the Superintendent to look at regulation 3320 and recommend changes.

Dr. Dumais asked that the Committee reconsider this motion so that he would only be looking at 3320(m), procurements pertaining to public emergencies.

Mr. Hurley made a motion to reconsider.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

Motion by Ms. Cohen to ask Dr. Dumais to consider Policy 3320(m), procurements pertaining to public emergencies and to adjust the language to make it consistent with policy 9231.6(b), 2nd paragraph.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

There was some further discussion regarding the bylaws in regard to the Amity Finance Committee; In light of Mr. Blake's request that this be reviewed by the Committee, it was decided that Dr. Dumais will make this the only item on the agenda for the Policy Committee at some future date and that members of the Board and the Amity Finance Committee will be made specifically aware of the agenda for that meeting

Motion by Ms. Cohen, 2nd by Ms. Urbano to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Natzel, Recording Clerk