

MINUTES

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mr. Tom Hurley, Mr. Bill Blake [ex-officio (departed at 7:08 pm)], Ms. Sheila McCreven and Ms. Diane Urbano.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ms. Sue Cohen.

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

A meeting of the Policy Committee of the Amity Regional Board of Education (BOE) was held on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the District Office Conference Room.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Hurley called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.
2. **Approval of minutes - March 20, 2017 (enclosure)**

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

**Vote in favor, 3-0 (Mr. Blake, Ms. McCreven and Ms. Urbano)**

**Motion carried**

3. **Public Comment – none.**

4. **Review of school resource officer (SRO) memorandum of understanding (MOU) (enclosure)– Executive Session**

The Committee went into executive session at 5:37 pm and returned to regular session at 6:51 pm

***Motion by Mr. Blake to approve the MOU with a change to the language in section IX of the MOU as follows: This contract shall renew annually on the first day of July unless either party chooses to terminate the agreement by providing forty-five (45) days prior written notice of termination to the other party.***

***Motion by Ms. McCreven to amend the motion and insert the words “with cause” in the first paragraph of section VIII as follows: The PD reserves the right to utilize K-9 units on school grounds with cause.***

Discussion followed regarding both motions. Mr. Hurley called for a vote on the amendment to the motion.

**Vote 1 in favor (Ms. McCreven), 2 opposed (Mr. Blake and Ms. Urbano)**

**Motion defeated**

There was further discussion regarding the original motion.

***Mr. Blake amended his motion to change the word “contract” to “MOU”.***

**Vote in favor, 3-0 (Mr. Blake, Ms. McCreven and Ms. Urbano)**

**Motion carried**

Dr. Dumais requested permission from the Committee to allow him to make non-substantive language adjustments to section IX of the MOU as might be required.

***Motion by Mr. Blake to allow the Superintendent to make non-substantive language adjustments to section IX of the MOU as required.***

Discussion followed

**Vote in favor, 3-0 (Mr. Blake, Ms. McCreven and Ms. Urbano)**

**Motion carried**

Mr. Hurley called for a vote on the underlying motion.

**Vote in favor, 3-0 (Mr. Blake, Ms. McCreven and Ms. Urbano)**

**Motion carried**

**5. Review of Policy 5131.111 (enclosure)**

***Motion by Mr. Urbano to table review of Policy 5131.111.***

**Vote in favor, 3-0 (Mr. Blake, Ms. McCreven and Ms. Urbano)**

**Motion carried**

**6. Review of 1000 series (enclosure)**

***Motion by Mr. Urbano to delete paragraphs 1 and 2 of the policy.***

**Vote I in favor (Ms. McCreven) 1 opposed (Ms. Urbano)**

**Motion defeated**

Discussion followed.

***Motion by Ms. McCreven to delete "defined broadly as the State and specifically as the area served by the school system"; to insert "of" in "determines the quality of education"; and to delete the second paragraph.***

**Vote in favor, 2-0 (Ms. McCreven, Ms. Urbano)**

**Motion carried**

**7. Other**

Ms. Urbano presented information she received from an Amity parent regarding the establishment of a foundation at another high school for Dr. Dumais' information.

Mr. Hurley noted that the Committee will pick up its work with policy 5131.111 and 1100 at the next meeting, Monday, May 15, 2017.

**8. Adjourn**

***Motion by Ms. Urbano to adjourn at 7:28 pm***

**Vote in favor, 2-0 (Ms. McCreven, Ms. Urbano)**

**Motion carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Natzel, Recording Clerk