

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Sue Cohen, Chairman Tom Hurley, Ms. Sheila McCreven 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 Monday, May 15, 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 - April 24, 2017**

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

Changes were requested to item #4; a call for a vote and the vote itself were requested to be added at the bottom of page 1.

Vote in favor 2-0 (Ms. McCreven, Ms. Urbano), abstention 1 (Ms. Cohen)

Motion carried

Minutes were edited and resubmitted

3. **Public Comment**

Ms. Urbano stated that she sees anew the importance of the work the Policy Committee is doing and the value of the vetting of policy that is done by the Committee.

Ms. McCreven stated that the Policy Committee's suggestion of a special BOE meeting for the purpose of discussing the School Resource Officer (SRO) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would have been helpful in terms of the Board members having the opportunity to be heard.

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

Mr. Hurley stated that this policy concerns the District's cameras that are under District control.

The Committee members discussed the policy as drafted by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) along with suggested text for the policy written and submitted by Ms. Tracey Russo.

There was discussion regarding whether or not legal counsel needed to be consulted as part of the formation of this policy.

Motion by Ms. Cohen to table discussion on Policy 5131.111.

There was a short discussion regarding the motion to table.

Ms. Cohen withdrew her motion to table.

Motion by Ms. McCreven to add all of the policy text written and submitted by Ms. Russo to Policy 5131.111

There was lengthy discussion about this text and what portion might be included regarding use of video surveillance, the definition of "school property" and privacy issues.

Motion by Ms. Urbano to table this item to a future date to allow for more research to enable the Policy Committee to make a better policy recommendation to the Board.

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

Motion carried

The Committee leaves it to the Superintendent's discretion as to whether the Committee should review his findings, or if a Special BOE meeting should be called to review the findings.

5. Review of 1000 series

Motion by Ms. Urbano to discuss Policy 1100 (communications and community relations)

Current policy and versions from other schools were discussed. Modifications were made to the current policy language as follows:

Item #4 – add "...by employing a mass communication system."

Item #1 - add "...and to utilize official social media accounts to disseminate information."

Item #2 - add "...through issuing print publications and website content about the school district."

Motion by Ms. McCreven to table further discussion regarding Policy 1100 to the next meeting

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

Motion carried

6. Other - none

7. Adjourn

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

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

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Natzel, Recording Clerk