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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

A meeting of the Policy Committee of the Amity Regional Board of Education (BOE) was held on Monday, June 19, 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 -- May 15, 2017 (enclosure)**

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

Vote 3-0 in favor

Motion carried

3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Review of Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) policy highlights of April 28, 2017 – Graduations issues reviewed (enclosure)**

Chairman Hurley stated that he would like to instate a 30-minute time limit on discussion of topics unrelated to the regular work of the Committee, namely of getting through the policy manual. Committee members agreed.

Discussion took place on policy 5123.3 regarding participation in graduation ceremonies and the requirements for such. Mr. Hurley suggested a special Board meeting in July might be in order to discuss this policy, or perhaps this could be discussed at the Board retreat in July as an example of Board processes. Dr. Dumais suggested that special Policy Committee meetings might be more fruitful for these things that crop up, rather than a meeting of the full Board.

5. Review of the 1000 series

Policy 1100 – Community relations, Communication. CABE review stated this is appropriate as written, no changes necessary.

Changes made:

Second paragraph "...will seek to keep the public informed as to the needs, activities and emergency situations of the schools through the following actions:"

Three changes as per page 2 of the May 15th minutes were included which are:

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 include all of the above changes and move policy 1100 to the full Board for a first read.

Vote 3-0 in favor

Motion carried

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Policy 1110 – Amity has no current policy; the Superintendent recommends that this policy not be considered.

Policy 1110.1 – CABA review stated that this is appropriate as written.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Ms. Cohen to work from the CABA document “sample to consider” as a base.

There was further discussion regarding the language, and some revisions were made to the final paragraph:

Strike “...will keep the BOE apprised of parent involvement activities.”

Strike “required July 2010”

Strike “drop-in hours by appointment”

Ms. Cohen made a motion to table this policy as amended for discussion at the next meeting. In the meantime, the Superintendent will check on the legal references for this policy and on the flexible parent-teacher conferences.

Vote 3-0 in favor

Motion carried

Policy 1110.2 – Amity has no current policy. The Superintendent recommends that this policy not be adopted because it is not necessary.

Policy 1110.3 Amity has no current policy. This policy was not considered.

Policy 1111 – Use of Educational Television Channel. Amity has an existing policy. There was discussion regarding the language. Changes were made as follows:

Add “...and internet and live-streaming” in the title, mission and goals.

Delete the word “television” everywhere.

The Superintendent will check Regulation 1111B regarding copying.

Motion by Ms. McCreven to move Policy 1111 to the full BOE for a first read.

Vote 3-0 in favor

Motion carried

Policy 111.2 and 111.3 – Amity has no current policy, and these are not recommended.

Policy 1112

Motion by Ms. Cohen to consider the text of the policy recommended by CABA as the base document.

Vote 3-0 in favor

Motion carried

Discussion followed regarding all the possible changes to this policy.

Motion by Ms. McCreven to delete all of item #6.

Vote 2-0 in favor, Ms. Urbano abstained

Motion carried

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Motion by Ms. Cohen to remove "if requested" from item #5.

Vote 2-0 in favor, Ms. Urbano abstained

Motion carried

Motion by Ms. McCreven to change language in item #8 to read "... photographs, video recordings, live-streaming..." and "...involved in performance events, parents and guardians are informed of the requirements of the program."

Vote 3-0 in favor

Motion carried

Motion by Ms. McCreven to eliminate the 2nd and 3rd sentences in item #9.

Vote 2-0 in favor, Ms. Urbano abstained.

Motion carried

Motion by Ms. McCreven to move policy 1112 as amended to the BOE for a first read; this is to replace the current policy with changes as noted above and to include renumbering of items.

Vote 2-0 in favor, Ms. Urbano abstained

Motion carried

Policy 1112.1 – This is a current policy.

Discussion followed. Changes were made as follows:

“newspapers” changed to “media outlets”

delete the second sentence

Motion by Ms. McCreven to move Policy 1112.1 as amended to the BOE for a first read.

Vote 3-0 in favor

Motion carried

Policy 1112.2 – Does not exist

Policy 1112.3 – This is a current policy.

Motion by Ms. Cohen to leave Policy 1112.3 as is and to move it to the BOE for a first read.

Discussion continued.

Motion by Ms. McCreven to amend the policy by adding the 3 paragraphs from the Branford policy to the top of the current policy.

Vote 1 in favor (Ms. McCreven), 2 opposed (Ms. Cohen, Ms. Urbano)

Motion failed

Mr. Hurley called for a vote on the motion to move Policy 1112.3 for a first read.

Vote 2 in favor (Ms. Cohen, Ms. Urbano), 1 opposed (Ms. McCreven)

Motion carried

Policy 1112.4 – Policy does not exist.

Policy 1112.5 – This is an existing policy

Discussion followed.

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Motion by Ms. McCreven to reconsider Policy 1112 and to discuss this in relation to Policy 1112.5.

Vote in favor 2-0, Ms. Urbano abstained

Motion carried

Further lengthy discussion followed because these policies are different but are also similar.

The Superintendent will check with CBE regarding the questions the Committee has about these two policies and whether or not the policies could be consolidated into one.

Motion by Ms. McCreven to table Policy 1112 until the next Policy meeting.

Vote in favor, 3-0

Motion carried

6. Other

7. Adjourn

Motion by Ms. McCreven to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Vote 3-0 in favor

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Natzel, Recording Clerk

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