

SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Wednesday February 25, 2015 6:00pm

Sub-committee members: Charlie Flynn, Dennis Sears, Art Batacchi, Maria Rundle

Others in attendance: Bonnie Silvers, Dave Hastings, Bruce Turner

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm

Review and approval of minutes; Mr. Flynn complimented Mr. Sears on the minutes; Ms. Rundle moved to accept minutes; Mr. Flynn seconded; approved unanimously.

Discussion of policy DJE, Bidding Requirements

Mr. Flynn made a motion to approve the updated policy with a change the first paragraph to read “All purchases of materials and equipment and all contracts for construction or maintenance shall adhere to all provisions of M.G.L. 30B.” Mr. Sears seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Flynn made a motion to change “Superintendent” to “Chief Procurement Officer.” Mr. Batacchi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of policy ADDA, Background Checks

Discussion of whether or not to waive the fee for background checks.

Mr. Sears moved to approve the updated policy as is; Mr. Flynn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of policy ADDA-R, Model CORI

Mr. Sears moved to approve the updated policy as is; Mr. Batacchi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of policy GCCD, Domestic Violence Leave

Mr. Hastings introduced a clarification from that “For those employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, the treatment of domestic violence leave is a mandatory subject of bargaining.”

Mr. Sears moved to approve the updated policy as is; Mr. Batacchi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of policy JIC, Student Discipline

At the bottom of the first page under Emergency Removal Mr. Hastings suggested a change from “and” to “and/ or”.

Mr. Sears moved to approve the updated policy with change; Mr. Batacchi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of policy JII, Student Complaints and Grievances

There was discussion of whether there were any differences in this update from the current policy. Mr. Sears moved to approve the updated policy; Mr. Batacchi seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion of policy JK, Student Conduct

Mr. Sears moved to move this policy forward; Mr. Batacchi seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion of policy JLI, Student Safety

This policy was not found in the policy manual. Mr. Batacchi made a motion to table discussion of the policy until a later meeting.

Discussion of policy on Monterey Early Childhood Initiative

The committee discussed many concerns with opening up the Monterey School to more four-year-old students by an additional two months, including equity issues for SPED students, readiness of younger students, and depending on having Lynn Webster continue as the Monterey School teacher.

Mr. Flynn stated that the research points to early childhood access to education as a marker of later success. Mr. Sears proposed having a trial program at the Monterey School and checking back in a year to see how it's going.

Mr. Batacchi moved to approve the updated policy; Mr. Sears seconded and motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Sears moved to move discussion of policy IJOA, Minimum Number of Chaperones to the next meeting; Mr. Batacchi seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Sears moved to move discussion of policies E through F, including Action to Identify Correct Reference to the next meeting; Mr. Batacchi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Batacchi made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Sears seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:20pm