

CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Policy Committee Meeting Notes
March 30, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dennis Weldon, Chair
Paul Faulkner, Member
Meg Evans, Member

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Beth Darcy	Dr. David Weitzel	Corinne Sikora
Sharon Collopy	Dr. David Bolton	Mary Anne Canales
John Gamble		

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Karen Smith, Member

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Policy 116 – Tutorial Instruction – presented by Ms. Corinne Sikora, Supervisor of Pupil Services

This policy contained changes that were recommended from PSBA in regards to students who are not enrolled in Central Bucks, but rather receive their education from a private tutor. The additional language reflects changes in school code that require submission of federal/state criminal history checks and child abuse clearances to the school district by private tutors.

This policy was not approved to move to the full board. Revisions will be made to the language of the overall purpose of the policy and additional definitions will be added to explain the types of private tutoring addressed in the policy. This policy will return to the committee at a future meeting.

Policy 137 – Home Education Programs - presented by Ms. Corinne Sikora, Supervisor of Pupil Services

The Home Education Policy was updated to reflect changes to the Home Education requirements due to the passing of Act 196 of 2014. Changes to the policy include supervisor responsibilities, graduation requirements, diploma options, and Home Education transfer procedures within the state of Pennsylvania. This policy was moved to the full Board for first read consideration.

Policy 823 – Naloxone Administration - presented by Ms. Corinne Sikora, Supervisor of Pupil Services and Ms. Mary Anne Canales, District Nurse Coordinator

This policy authorizes the school district to obtain and store Naloxone in each of its secondary schools. Naloxone is a medication found to reverse the effects of an opiate-related drug overdose. The policy also authorizes a Licensed School Nurse, after completing training, to administer Naloxone to a student if a drug overdose is suspected to have occurred. This policy was moved to the full Board for first read consideration.

Policy 127 – Assessment System (previously titled Assessment of Educational Program) – presented by Dr. David Bolton, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education

This policy contained changes that were recommended from PSBA and better represents current district practices. There were three sections added to the policy. The first provides more specific language regarding a parents' rights to opt out of PSSA tests based on religious beliefs. The second addition ensures that the district will share student performance data with the PA Department of Education when requested. This matches our current practice. The final added paragraph states that students with disabilities, and those participating in an English as a Second Language (ESL) program, will be provided with appropriate accommodations. This is also current district practice. This policy was moved to the full Board for first read consideration.

Policy 217 – Graduation Requirements – presented by Dr. David Bolton, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education

This policy contained changes that were required based on changes made at the state level regarding Keystone exams. The law was recently updated so that these requirements begin with the class of 2019. That change is reflected in the new policy language. This change also includes consistent language for all graduates. The previous policy delineated the class of 2017 because of the state law. That delineation is no longer necessary. This policy was moved to the full Board for first read consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Services Center (20 Welden Drive)

ADJOURNMENT

Notes submitted by Dr. David Bolton, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education