

CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy Committee Meeting February 28, 2018

Committee Members Present

Mr. Dennis Weldon, Chairperson
Mrs. Sharon Collopy, Member
Mr. John Gamble, Member

Dr. John Kopicki, Superintendent
Dr. Nicole Young, Member

Others in Attendance

Mr. Glenn Schloeffel, Board President
Mrs. Jodi Schwartz, Board Member
Mrs. Tracy Suits, Board Member
Dr. David Bolton, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Mary-Kay Speese, Director of Student Services

Dr. Amanda Mumford, Principal–Pine Run Elementary
Mr. Dan Estep, Principal-Barclay Elementary
Mr. Brian Finger, Principal-Cold Spring Elementary
Mr. Jeffrey Garton, District Solicitor

Mr. Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REVIEW OF MEETING NOTES

The January 24, 2018 Policy Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved without changes.

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>FOLLOW UP</u>
140.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students	This policy details district responsibilities for charter or cyber school student participation in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs. Mr. Garton recommends language be changed to more accurately reflect the responsibility of the building principal or designee.	<u>Move to First Read</u> : On Page 2/2: Delegation of Responsibility – The building principal or designee shall ensure that “information is available to” rather than “have access to”.
142 – Migrant Students	New policy proposed by PSBA. Mr. Garton stated the policy matches current CB policy. Mrs. Collopy asked if the district is required to seek out and identify migrant students. Mr. Garton responded that the policy covers procedures for when a student/family self-identifies as migrant, the district is responsible for having means to identify those students but is not required to seek them out. Dr. Kopicki noted that the home language survey completed by all students is a filter used to identify migrant students. Mrs. Collopy asked for assurance that the	<u>Move to First Read</u>

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	policy does not have requirements that the district is not already meeting – Dr. Bolton noted the district meets all requirements in the new policy.	
143 – Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools	New policy proposed by PSBA. The policy defines what qualifies as a “persistently dangerous school”. Certain criteria must be met before a school is identified by the state as persistently dangerous. Once identified, this policy allows for a student to transfer to a safe school within the same school district if they so choose. Mr. Garton reviewed some of the responsibilities detailed in the proposal. Mr. Weldon noted there is no provision in the proposal for how to handle the transfer of a student that has previously been the cause of dangerous situations. Mrs. Collopy asked if Mr. Garton approved of the language in the proposed policy, he noted that he did. Mr. Gamble asked what would the outcome be if there were no safe school within the same district. Mr. Garton noted that a student could be transferred to another district if an agreement existed between the two districts. Cyber schools are always an alternative.	<u>Move to First Read</u>
144 – Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes	New policy proposed by PSBA. Mr. Weldon noted this policy is a tandem policy to Policy 143	<u>Move to First Read</u>
146 – Student Services	New policy proposed by PSBA. This policy directs school districts to develop a written plan for implementing a comprehensive and integrated K-12 program of student services. Mr. Garton reviewed some of the responsibilities detailed in the proposal. Mrs. Speese remarked that the new policy is a combination of several current policies and is more comprehensive in it’s plan. The district will be required to gather together different written policies under one policy to meet the criteria for having a “written” plan.	<u>Move to First Read</u>
150 – Title I: Comparability of Services	New policy proposed by PSBA. Dr. Kopicki noted that the Title I comparability is completed every year when the funding is received. The district already complies with all requirements of this policy.	<u>Move to First Read</u>

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200 – Enrollment of Students	Mr. Garton reviewed the policy requirements for providing education for school age students. He noted the district's responsibility to educate students until they graduate from high school, or in the case of special needs students, until they are twenty-one. Homeless students are defined as a student with no primary residence, and the district has an obligation to educate those students. CB students that become homeless and are living temporarily in another district are still entitled to be transported and educated in CB.	<u>Move to First Read:</u> On Page 1/2: Authority: The "District" shall enroll rather than the "Board" shall enroll"
201 – Admission of Students	Mr. Garton stated that the proposed policy is a delineation of criteria for admission age requirements. Dr. Bolton noted that the proposed policy would be a change to current district policy. After discussion regarding age requirements and "as by" date requirements, the Committee agrees that the current policy meets PSBA criteria and is better suited for our district.	<u>Keep current policy</u> (not proposed policy) and move current to First Read
202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students	Mr. Garton noted this proposed policy is consistent with school code and deals with a variety of situations for nonresident students. The policy obligates the district to educate a student from outside CB (temporarily placed in our district) and allows CB to chargeback the district the student comes from. Dr. Bolton encouraged the Committee to consider keeping the current policy as it delineates many more situations and is much clearer.	<u>Keep current policy</u> (not proposed policy). Move current policy to First Read with changes: Page 4/7 "Residents of Institutions" not "Inmates of Institutions". Also "a child who is a resident of an institution" not "a child who is an inmate of an institution"
203 – Immunizations and Communicable Diseases	Dr. Bolton remarked that this policy was updated last June. The proposed policy contains two sections that are not in the current policy. He recommends the current policy be updated to include the last two sections of the proposed policy. The district is already in compliance with those sections. Mr. Weldon inquired if there had been situations where a homeless child has not	<u>Keep current policy</u> (not proposed policy). Include in the current policy the Communicable Diseases and Health Records paragraphs from

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	had proof of immunization. Dr. Bolton noted there had been, and the I.U. aids the district for handling that situation. Mr. Schloeffel asked that information be provided to him on the maintenance/destruction of student health records. Dr. Kopicki noted that the student records policy mandates those records be kept 100 years after the student graduates from high school.	the proposed policy
203.1 – HIV Infection	Mr. Garton noted this proposed policy is new to the district. Dr. Kopicki and Dr. Bolton recommend the policy be reviewed further before moving to the full board for First Read.	Tabled for further review
204 - Attendance	Mr. Garton stated the proposed policy has additional requirements regarding truancy issues. The policy is meant to be supportive of students with attendance issues, not punitive. Mrs. Collopy noted this policy had recently been reviewed and considerable work had gone into the process. The Committee agrees to maintain the current policy with changes.	<u>Keep current policy</u> (not proposed policy). Changes: on page 4/6 Guidelines: Compulsory School Attendance Requirements - #5 should read "Students fifteen years of ages or sixteen years of age" not "Students sixteen or seventeen years of age". And Excused/Lawful Absence ADD # 10 and #12 from proposed policy to the list
205 – Postgraduate Students	Mr. Garton noted this policy states the district has no obligation to educate someone with a high school degree or has attained the age of 21.	<u>Moved to First Read</u>

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The scheduled date for the next Policy Committee meeting is March 28, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.