

Seymour Board of Education POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 21, 2020
Central Office
6:00 p.m.

COPY RECEIVED
DATE: 1/22/2020
TIME: 10:54 AM
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Garofolo
Jay Hatfield
Ed Strumello

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Wilson, Superintendent
Pat Boyle, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:01 p.m.

II. ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Garofolo nominated Mr. Strumello for chairperson. There were no other nominations. Mr. Strumello was named the Policy Chairperson.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Review of Series 9000-Bylaws of the Board

Mr. Strumello asked the committees input in the realigning of the Permanent Board Committees. He felt that some such as Residency and Transportation should be eliminated. Mr. Kearns now handles issues dealing with residency. Any transportation issues would be brought to the full board. Mr. Strumello also felt that the committees could be combined so that there were only six committees instead of nine. This would allow all Board of Education members to serve on two committees instead of three. After lengthy discussion the six committees were combined as 1.)Health/Athletics 2.)Facilities/Safety 3.)Finance 4.) Liaison 5.) Policy 6.) Curriculum and Technology. The committee decided to present the following two ideas to the full board for discussion on their preferences. 1.) Keeping the committees as they are currently or 2.) Going to the above-mentioned six-committee format. It was also suggested that if a change was made that it not be implemented until the next election cycle as the committees have already been formed for this one. Mr. Hatfield stated that policy 9325.2 needs to be updated to reflect the current nine committees as it only has eight listed.

B. Policy Audit

Mr. Wilson asked if the committee would like to consider allocating funds for CABA to do a full policy audit. All policies would be brought up to 2020 standards with the current legal cases. The cost for this audit would be \$10,800 that could be paid in two installments of \$5,400.00 for the next two year. At this time, the committee did not want to allocate the money. They felt as a committee that they should take the time to take sections of the policy and compare it to the CABA current standards themselves.

C. Next Meeting Date and Time

The committee picked February 20, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at Central Office for the next meeting. If you require special accommodations regarding the location of this meeting, please call Lee-Ann Dauerty, 203.888.4564 x1904 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting start time.

V. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report

None

B. Superintendent's Report
None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo /sec. Mr. Hatfield) to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Strumello

Submitted by:
Pat Boyle