

Policy Committee Meeting
11/8/23
6PM

Attendees: Gale Bradford, Robert Cianciulli, Tom Foregger and Melissa Varley

Bylaw / Policy / Regulation	Name	Action	First Reading	Notes
P 0141	Board Member Number and Term	Abolish	11/16/2023	No comments regarding this policy
P 0155	Board Committees	Revise	11/16/2023	<p>The majority of the committee agreed with moving forward on this policy. Dr. Foregger has concerns with the Majority of the Board not agreeing to committee placements. However, with an 8 member Board, it is possible to not have committees. Mrs. Bradford discussed her training at NJSBA where they said Boards of a whole are not productive for larger districts. Dr. Foregger would like the Board to be a Board of a whole.</p>
P 0163	Quorum	Revise	11/16/2023	<p>Dr. Foregger does not like the wording. Porzio's firm wrote the policy, Dr. Foregger would like to have them review his changes. As of now, this policy will be held.</p>

P 3212	Attendance (M)	Revise	11/16/2023	No comments
P 3324	Right of Privacy	Revise	11/16/2023	There was much commentary behind this policy. Dr. Varley stated that it was to protect staff members from being video recorded unknowingly.
P 4212	Attendance (M)	Revise	11/16/2023	No comments
P 4324	Right of Privacy	Revise	11/16/2023	After discussing 3324 at length, there were no comments on 4324.
P 5412	Middle School Graduation	Revise	11/16/2023	Policy is pulled
P 6421	Purchases Budgeted	New	11/16/2023	This is being sent to Mr. Juśkiewicz for his review. Hold for now.
P 8500	Food Services (M)	Revise	11/16/2023	No comments on this policy.
P 8540	School Nutrition Programs (M)	Abolish	11/16/2023	
P 8550	Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (M)	Abolish	11/16/2023	

Board of Education Curriculum Committee Minutes
Thursday, November 30th
CAC 2nd Floor
9:30am



Attendees: Chair Pamela Stanley, Gale Bradford, Tom Foregger, Asst. Superintendent Dr. Giordano, Dr. Seminerio and Superintendent Melissa Varley

Purpose and Goals

The purpose of the Board of Education Curriculum Committee is to communicate, discuss, and review recommendations for district curriculum and programming. The committee will be composed of three Board of Education members, the Director Elementary Education and Intervention and the Assistant Superintendent of Schools. Additional administrative staff members will be invited to participate in these meetings as necessary and appropriate to share new initiatives that will be presented to the Board of Education for approval as Agenda items. Meetings will take place approximately five times per year and as needed to inform BOE members and support district planning. Minutes from these meetings will be provided following the meeting. As needed, the chairperson of the committee will provide updates at full Board of Education meetings.

- Laurie Scott-Create Your Playlist
 - Half Year Course (9-12)
 - Re-Thinking of two existing courses
 - **Reviewed Old Courses (Music and Lyrics and Roots and Rhythm). Old courses struggled to maintain a 15 student minimum.**
 - **The staff looked at this as an opportunity to update and make this course more dynamic.**
 - **New Course will be taught by 2 teachers. 1 ELA and 1 Music**
 - **New Course will allow students to use this course to help meet their fine and performing arts requirement. It will include the connection between history and song lyrics and the significance of key pieces.**

There will also be a strong emphasis on the importance of the birth of hip hop and rap.

- Public Complaints and Grievances
 - Complaints About Instructional and Resource Material
 - Within seven working days of receipt of complaint form, Superintendent shall appoint a review committee
 - **The Committee reviewed only Section E of Regulation 9130 Complaints About Instructional and Resource Materials**
 - **https://boardpolicyonline.com/?b=berkeley_nj**
 - **The Committee reviewed the procedure for a complaint to be filed and the steps that would be taken when a complaint is received**
 - **Staff working on form for complaints**

- 5 year Curriculum Cycle
 - **The Committee reviewed the Curriculum Cycle specifically K-5 curriculum revisions**
 - **Course revisions and staff will be forthcoming in the new year**
 - **Word study curriculum K-5 will need to be written this summer**
 - **ELA and Math Curriculum will need to be revised to align with updated standards released by NJDOE**

- New Jersey Learning Acceleration Program: High Impact Tutoring Grant- Update
 - Identifying teachers willing to provide tutoring
 - Working with building principals to identify students
 - Ordering additional intervention materials to be used during WIN and tutoring sessions (math, reading comprehension and vocabulary)
 - Tutoring sessions anticipated to begin in January
 - **Update that the district did receive \$76,000 dollars from the state**
 - **Next steps are to identify students and hire staff**

- K-5 Open SciEd Pilot
 - One teacher at each grade level K-5 participating in two year pilot; two units per year
 - Piloting units and providing feedback
 - Upcoming training sessions at Liberty Science in January
 - **Reviewed the pilot program and timeframe**
 - **2024-2025 will be second year of pilot**