

SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, May 11, 2020

6:30 p.m. via Zoom

**ZOOM LINK:**

<https://spring-ford.zoom.us/j/94835680098>

**DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT**

Spring-Ford Area School District strives to be educationally relevant, focused on achievement and growth, and have a priority on people so that students are fully prepared to positively contribute to their society.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. and concluded at 7:15 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Board Members - Colleen Zasowski (Chair), Wendy Earle, Linda Fazzini, Clinton Jackson, Dave Shaffer, Diane Sullivan, and Margaret Wright
- District Representatives - Dave Boyer, Robert Catalano, Erin Crew, Beth Leiss, Rich Previte, Bob Rizzo, and Deb Smith

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

**II. MINUTES - From March 9, 2020**

- March 9, 2020 minutes were approved

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Medical excuse update

- i. School Messenger Update – SafeArrival
- ii. No update at this time. COVID-19 derailed our plans temporarily...
  - Administration shared that we are still working to get the feedback from the attendance officers.

B. Policy 204 – Attendance (final review prior to being sent to solicitor for review)

- Policy was discussed and revised. Committee recommended that the policy be sent to the solicitor and, barring any significant adjustments, brought forward for a first reading at the upcoming Board meeting.

C. Updating legal references on policies

- i. Policies 123, 218, 247, 249, 815, 819 all reference retired policy 248
  - 1. Should be updated to reference policy 103
- ii. Policy 815 references policies 248 and 348

1. Should be updated to reference policies 103 and 104
- Two motions will be brought forward for approval at the upcoming Board meeting.

D. Policy 128 – Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy

- i. Renumbered from 102.1 to 128
  - ii. Diversity committee met as well as Mr. Rizzo and Mrs. Leiss to make final comments. Solicitor recommendations in draft.
- Committee reviewed policy and made minor edits. Additionally, the committee considered comments shared by the solicitor. Barring any significant adjustments, this policy will be brought forward for a first reading at the upcoming Board meeting.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. All policies have been migrated to BoardDocs

- Administration showed the committee how to find the newly placed policies on BoardDocs

B. Policy 816 - Use of Audio and Video Monitoring Equipment

- Policy was discussed and revised. Committee recommended that the policy be sent to the solicitor and, barring any significant adjustments, brought forward for a first reading at the upcoming Board meeting.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Policies coming soon for consideration

- i. Policy 222 – Tobacco
- ii. Policy 227 – Drug Abuse
- iii. Policy 323, 423, 523 – Tobacco Use
- iv. Policy 351, 451, 551 – Drug and Substance Abuse

- Committee discussed the plan to review approximately 130 policies that are 20+ years old and approve as a batch. Administration will review and prepare a list of policies to be considered throughout the summer. Policies will be recommended for review based on a need to be updated rather than age alone.

**X. ACTIONABLE ITEMS**

A. Policies sent to solicitor for a final review and brought forward for a first reading

- i. Policy 128 - Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy
- ii. Policy 204 - Attendance
- iii. Policy 816 - Use of Audio and Video Monitoring Equipment

B. Motion to update legal references in policies 123, 218, 247, 249, and 819.

- i. Remove reference to retired policy 248 and add policy 103

C. Motion to update legal references in policy 815

- i. Remove reference to policies 248, 348, 448, 548 and add policies 103 and 104.

**XI. NEEDS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**XII. BOARD COMMENT**

**XIII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**