

**SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE**

Monday, October 9, 2017

7:30pm - District Office Conference Room

School Board Members – Colleen Zasowski (chair), Dawn Heine and Kelly Spletzer

A G E N D A / M I N U T E S

- I. Acceptance of the Minutes (*May 10, 2017*) – *Accepted – Meeting began at 7:31pm*
 - a. *Attendance – Mrs. Zasowski, Mr. Dehnert, Mr. DiBello, Mrs. Germinario, Dr. Patschke, Mr. Cromley and Dr. Roche*

- II. Current Policy Items:
 1. Policy # 246 – Student Wellness – District Wellness Committee is in the process of reviewing our current policy due to changes to Student Wellness expectations from PDE – Dr. Patschke and Mrs. Germinario visited the meeting to share some suggested edits to Policy 246 based upon recommendations from the District Wellness Committee and as a result of changes from PDE related to School Nutrition Services. Additional work is needed on the suggested changes and the administration will bring those changes/updates to the November Committee meeting.

 2. Policy # 204 – Student Attendance – Updates needed based upon changes from PDE – Committee reviewed the revised policy based upon changes made by PDE and state laws regarding school attendance, truancy, school attendance improvement plans and petitions to court for students who are considered habitually truant. The updated policy is on the agenda for a first reading.

 3. Policy # 484 – Sick Leave – Update needed due to change in Professional Agreement – Committee reviewed the revised policy that needed to be updated based upon new language in the teachers’ contract regarding sick leave and unused sick time. The updated policy is on the agenda for a first reading.

 4. Policy # 103 – Nondiscrimination in Participation / Employment / Contract Practices – Update needed to clarify language and strength policy – At the suggestion of the school attorney, a revised draft of Policy 103 was considered by the committee and the policy was asked to be returned next month with further clarification based upon a question in one area. Since the committee meeting, the attorney has provided the administration with a newer interruption of the policy change that includes a revision to Policy 103 and adding a new policy (104) to the book of policies. Additional conversations will take place on both Policy 103 & 104 at the November committee meeting.

 5. Policy # 707.1 – Community Use of School Grounds and Playgrounds – Policy was discussed and additional changes/clarifications will be shared at the

November Committee meeting.

6. Policy # 707.2 – Use of All-Weather Track by District Residents - Policy was discussed and additional changes/clarifications will be shared at the November Committee meeting.

III. New Policy Items – **No significant discussion on any policies below:**

1. Policy # 237 – Electronic Communication Devices – Policy placed on agenda as per the request made at the April 24th School Board meeting
2. Policy # 806 – Child Abuse – Updates are needed to this policy due to changes in laws as well as practices/requirements at the local, township, county and state level.

IV. On-Hold Policy Items

1. Policy # 707 – Use of Facilities – Waiting for feedback from the Property and Finance Committees for future work on the policy – **NO DISCUSSION on 10/9**
2. Policy # 103.3 - Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students
3. Medical Marijuana Guidance for PA School District

V. Future Policy Items

1. Review List of Policy Review Dates for Future Considerations

VI. Future Meeting – Potential Conflicts – Monday January 8, 2018 and Monday April 9, 2018

Next Policy Committee Meeting:

Monday November 13, 2017 – 7:30pm – District Office Conference Room