

# SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018**

7:30 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room

### 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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS – Meeting began at 7:50pm

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

#### II. MINUTES - From February 12, 2018

#### III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Policy # 103 – Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices (15 min) – Mrs. Leiss visited the meeting and participated in a discussion about the changes to Policy 103 & the introduction of Policy 104. Mrs. Leiss, as Director of Human Resources, serves as the District’s Compliance Officer, shared an overview of the procedures and practice in addressing any concerns as well as the impact of the proposed PSBA changes to these policies. Dr. Roche shared an updated from his conversation with the attorney in terms of a request for the school board members to be made aware of any reports of violations to Policies 103 & 104 and additional conversations are needed with specific input from the attorney that will be brought back to the April meeting.
- B. Policy # 104 – Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices
- C. Policy # 707 – Use of Facilities (15 min) – Conversations continued on the Use of Facilities policy specifically focused on Rental Charges and Service Fees. Mrs. Zasowski shared with the committee her “homework” of an attempt at establishing fees and charges based upon the numbers previously discussed at the meeting. Dr. Roche will follow-up with Mr. Cooper and his department in terms of looking at other costs associated with rentals and bring the discussion back to the committee in April.
- D. Policy #249 – Bullying and Cyber Bullying (10 min) – Policy was reviewed by a committee of administrators and parents and a few slight working changes were suggested but the recommendation was that the policy was be moved forward for first reading.
- E. Policy # 906.1 – Anonymous Communications (10 min) – This policy was updated since the first time it was presented to provide additional clarity to the specific topic of how the district will (or will not) address ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS. The revised policy will be back again on the April agenda for consideration.
- F. Policy # 806 – Child Abuse (20 min) – Deferred

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Policy # 214 – Class Rank (10 min) – Dr. Roche shared that the committee should be looking forward to seeing a revised policy on Class Rank (revised title to be Student Recognition) as the Curriculum and Technology committee has been working on a major revision to the current practice of Class Rank at the high school level. If the recommendation for this change is made by the Curriculum and Technology committee, the Policy Committee will review and make the substantiated changes to the policy to present to the full school board in April. Current plans have a full school board presentation on this topic in April before the Board will be asked to vote on the First Reading of the revised policy.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS – Deferred to April 2018**

- A. Policy # 918 – Title I Parent Involvement - Revisions to reflect ESSA changes in language specifically for Title I Parent and Family Engagement (Major Revision) – Deferred due to major policy revisions suggested as per PSBA
- B. Policy # 906 – Public Complaint (Procedures)
- C. Policy – Acceptable Use and/or Use of Technology as a part of Modernized Learning Deferred due to major policy revisions suggested as per PSBA

**VIII. ACTIONABLE ITEMS**

**IX. NEEDS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**X. BOARD COMMENT**

- A. Review policy for a time limit for public comment at meetings – Will be on the April agenda
- B. Review policy for employees who are residents that wish to speak at public board meetings needing to speak only as residents and not on school district business
- C. Question about Student Protest policy?

**XI. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**