

SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017

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

I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

II. MINUTES - From October 9, 2017

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Policy # 246 – Student Wellness – Dr. Roche along with Dr. Patschke and Mrs. Germenario followed up from last meeting to provide clarification on the questions on the policy and updated the committee on the reasons for the changes and the need to be in compliance due to the school nutrition services audit that will be taking place later this school year. The policy was recommend to move forward for a first reading on this month's agenda.
- B. Policy # 707.1 – Community Use of School Grounds and Playgrounds – Dr. Roche discussed the revisions to this policy as well as some worksmithing to help specifically address a few items to have this policy and Policy 707.2 be consistnet with one another. The policy was recommend to move forward for a first reading on this month's agenda
- C. Policy # 707.2 – Use of All-Weather Track by District Residents – Dr. Roche discussed the revisions to this policy as well with the goal to have this policy in line with our current practice and clarify aa few areaas that were being interpreted differently at different times. The policy was recommend to move forward for a first reading on this month's agenda

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Policy # 334 (Admin) & Policy 534 (Support) – Sick Leave – These policies were revied based upon the review of Policy 434 from last month to have consistent language on sick leave for all employee groups. The policy was recommend to move forward for a first reading on this month's agenda
- B. Policy # 103 – Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practies – Dr. Roche shared an update based upon a conversation with Mr. Fitzgerald as well as introduced the new PSBA policies for 103 & 104. In addition Dr. Roche provided an overview of the legal reason from the Policy Network flyer sent out by PSBA. Both Policy 103 & 104 will be on in January 2018 for further discussion and additional work to bring forward updated policies in the new calendar year for school board review.

- C. Policy # 104 – Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices (Same as above)
- D. Policy # 610 – Purchases Subject to Bid – Mrs. Davidheiser attended the meeting and proposed changes to Policies 610 & 611 that are in line with bidding thresholds and purchases that are budgeted. Language was added that allows the district to stay in line with all local, state and federal bidding limits BUT does not require a policy change each time a bid limit is changed. The policy was recommend to move forward for a first reading on this month’s agenda
- E. Policy # 611 – Purchases Budgeted (Same as above)

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Policy # 707 – Use of Facilities (Feedback from Property & Finance) – Mrs. Zasowki provided an update on her research into speaking with Mr. Cooper and the facilities side as well as her conversations with both the property and finances committee meetings. Next steps include looking at the costs to run the facility both during the week and on the weekends. Additional work is needed between now and the next committee meeting in January.
- B. Policy # 237 – Electronic Communication Devices (Request from SB Meeting)
- C. Policy # 806 – Child Abuse (Deferred Until January 2018)
- D. Policy # 103.3 - Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students (Tabled)

VIII. ACTIONABLE ITEMS

- a. Next Meeting – Move from Mon Jan 8, 2018 to Wed Jan 17, 2018 – at 7:30pm

IX. NEEDS FOR NEXT MEETING

X. BOARD COMMENT

X. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

XI. ADJOURNMENT