

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

**Monday, March 14, 2016 – 7:30pm
District Office Conference Room**

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

A G E N D A

- I. Acceptance of the Minutes from the February 8, 2016 – Meeting
- II. In attendance: Mrs. Spletzer, Mrs. Heine, Mr. DiBello, Dr. Goodin, Dr. Roche, Mrs. Sanderson, and members of the public: Mr. Cromley and Anne Wilhelm. (Committee member unable to attend: Mrs. Zasowski)
- III. Previous Policy Items:
 - a. Policy # 810 – Transportation – we reviewed the progress and updates based upon the January, February, and March committee discussions. After considerable discussions with the administration and transportation departments, we've refreshed the transportation policy and arrived at a policy that is not just in compliance with regulatory guidelines, but allows for consistency throughout the district while limiting the districts liability. I'd like to thank Mrs. Sanderson and Dr. Roche for all of their work. Policy #810 is on this evening's agenda for first reading.
 - b. Policy # 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings – Committee continued discussions (this item was discussed in January but tabled at the February meeting due to time constraints). We agreed that the policy needs to consistently refer to the "Public" & "Community" instead of inter-changing the terminology in addition to clearly defining "community" for purposes of the Policy. Discussions will continue at the April Policy Committee Meeting.
 - c. Policy # 815 – Acceptable Use of the Computers, Network, Internet, Electronic Communications and Information Systems – Mr. Webb attended the February meeting and shared his feedback that no changes were noted. As such, the policy Revised date will reflect that the policy was revisited currently but no changes will be brought for approval.
 - d. Policy # 005 – Organization – we reviewed the progress and updates based upon the February and March committee discussions and recommend approving the proposed changes to the policy as follows:
 - We reviewed the language in Section 6 (page 4) regarding the duties of Ad Hoc Committees and the President unilaterally giving a topic to the Ad Hoc Committee as opposed to requiring a majority vote of the school board. The committee recommends that assignment of topics to Ad Hoc Committees be based on a majority vote of the school board rather than at the discretion of the sitting Board President. We also struck the discretionary timeframe to allow for flexibility depending on each situation assigned to Ad Hoc Committees.
 - We also recommend changing the limits on board committees to no more than four (4) members (instead of no more than three (3) members). Although in practice, most committees will continue to remain at 3 board members; this change allows us to remain in compliance with existing practices. Dr. Roche shared the proposed changes with counsel and Policy #005 is on this evening's agenda for first reading.
 - e. Policy # 606 – Tax Collection –Changes were made to language indicating that Berkheimer will be responsible for delinquent per capita taxes (and other small wordsmithing edits). Policy #606 is on this evening's agenda for second reading tonight and approval at next week's board meeting.

Next Policy Committee Meeting:

Monday April 11, 2016 – 7:30pm
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