

GREENFIELD SCHOOLS
POLICY AND PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2017

Present: Subcommittee members Hollins (chair) and Alexander. Also present a member of the public and the press. Administrator D. Ellis was present for the 2nd half of the meeting.

1. Call to Order at 2.32 p.m.
2. Review of Subcommittee and School Committee Minutes re Forward-moving Policies.

We reviewed the Policy and Program Subcommittee meeting minutes of July 11th, July 18th, August 15th, September 7th, and September 19th, 2017. School Committee meeting minutes for August and September were reviewed. This brings policy activity tracking up to date.

The summary of all policies in these sets of minutes needing attention is as follows (grouped together by action needed):

AFFIRMATION

Policy IHAE Physical Education Was revised in 2012	No Change. Affirmation
Policy IE Organization of Instruction 6 out-dated words are recommended for strike-out; does not change policy. Or could be handled as 1 st reading.	de minimis. Affirmation

SECOND READING FOR ADOPTION

Policy BDE Subcommittees Was tabled so as to include definition and description of each subcommittee	for 2 nd reading
Policy BGB Policy Adoption Revision allows for one-step vote if no change, unless someone objects	for 2 nd reading and adoption
Policy BGD Review of Regulations Two small revisions.	for 2 nd reading
Policy BID School Committee Member Compensation Confusion about which version people were voting	for 2 nd reading
Policy EEAA Walkers and Riders Revision clarifies that the superintendent is responsible for bus routes, gives Variables to consider, and recommends a 1.5-mile limit. Does not change other Details since data is being collected this year.	for 2 nd reading and adoption
Policy GCG: Part-time and Substitute Personnel Revision removes the paragraph about part-time teachers (covered by contract)	for 2 nd reading and adoption

and clarifies issues of substitute personnel; adds salary schedule as exhibit.

Policy BGD

Policy DBE Revolving Funds (new) for 2nd reading and adoption

Policy KF Community Use of School Facilities for 2nd reading and adoption

Policy IGA: Curriculum Development for 2nd reading

Policy IGC: 8th Grade taking 9th Grade courses for 2nd reading

No change in policy. Revision was asking for occasional data.

DBB Budget Format (new) for 1st reading

If considered, request referral to Budget Subcommittee for discussion.

Regulation KF-R Fee Schedule for Community Use for 1st reading

Policy BDF Advisory Committee

Voted; clean copy requested.

Each of the above policies was reviewed again. A few wordsmithing discussions clarified best suggested phrasing. We recommend the first policy to be addressed be Policy Adoption so, if passed, the one-step vote can be used.

3. Policies Returning from School Committee

These policies were discussed and covered during the review of minutes and committee actions. They are listed above, if action is needed. There was no policy action at the August School Committee meeting. September 13th, 2017, draft minutes (received at 2:20 p.m. today) indicated that Substitute Employment was passed back to committee—confusion about terms and part-time teachers. One other policies was returned—IGA Curriculum Development. Both were discussed and now returning to School Committee

4. Remaining Section B Policies

a. Unexpired Term Fulfillment (passed to next subcom meeting)

b. Review of Regulations (CHB/BGD)

Add to paragraph #2 a 2nd reason the committee would review regulations—“or unclear (e.g. grammar, phrasing, not succinct)”.

Add last sentence to paragraph #3: “The School Committee will vote for the record when a regulation is requested to return to School Committee for official approval.”

c/ Subcommittees

The definition and charge of each subcommittee was reviewed.

Each needs to say “reporting its recommendations to the full committee”

Collective Bargaining, add “ascertain the collective bargaining priorities of the school committee and superintendent”

Where does “transportation” go?

c. Advisory Committees (was voted at September meeting)

5. Policies Related to Human Rights Commission Interests in Immigrant Students being Safe in our Schools

We reviewed ten (10) policies already in place that in some way related to students being safe in our schools and concerns about immigration officials. Enough time was spent to at least identify how each policy could be strengthened. Also reviewed, one newly-written district policy about Interrogations that specifically talked about immigrant students. Decided this packet of materials would be our homework assignment. Need to include in this cluster the Memorandum of Understanding with the Police and the School Resource Officer role.

We discussed having a special session just on these policies and to request consultation from a civil rights attorney who specializes in these issues as they relate to public schools. Question: could four additional issues fit in our non-discrimination policy: economic status, immigration status, homelessness, citizenship status?

The ten GPS School Committee Policies:

- AC Non-discrimination
- EB Safety Program
- JB Equal Opportunity
- JL Student Welfare
- JRA Student Records
- JIH Searches and Interrogations
- JRA-R Student Records—Regulations
- KI Visitors to the School
- KLK Relationship with Police
- KLK Relationship with Local Governmental Authorities

6. Regulations for Life-Threatening Allergies

We discussed the policy guideline that 12 policy elements have a companion regulation to implement. Using a worksheet we talked about this—the administration’s thinking on the topic and how the regulations might be structured so the implementation guideline is clear. SH will provide worksheet to DE.

7. “Other” was passed due to time.

The subcommittee would like to move meetings to City Hall so the mayor (the 3rd voting member of this subcommittee) can participate. Space is available and now scheduled.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 17th, 2:30 p.m. for topic study/discussion and 3:30 for meeting.

S. Hollins