

POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Meeting of December 4, 2012

Chaired by Dr. Cliff Sylvia

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm

Greetings from Dr. Sylvia and hopes that all had a pleasant Thanksgiving.

Mr. Flaherty informed those attending that he would be recording the meeting.

Minutes of November 5, 2012 presented. Motion by Ms. Freitas, second by Mr. Flaherty. Approved unanimously

Budget Policy

- Dr. Rabinovitch explained the major details of the budget policy draft: delineates limiting changes to budget by superintendent without school committee approval. Includes definition of major accounts and sub accounts within each major account. Superintendent's authority to transfer limited to less than \$5,000 per major account and can only authorize changes up to \$5,000 among sub accounts within major categorical accounts. All other transfers would need School Committee approval.
- Dr. Sylvia suggested grammatical and verbiage edits. The full committee discussed each edit, reviewing the policy line by line.
- Discussion of budget philosophy versus policy of funding to comply with state educational funding requirements. Sentence added to state the "budget philosophy of Wareham School Committee is to fund at a level to achieve educational excellence." Exact changes made to policy draft.
- Discussion was detailed and came to a consensus.
- Motion by Mr. Flaherty, seconded by Ms. Freitas. Unanimous approval.

Senior Privileges

- Ms. DeBonise presented edits to the policy after a discussion with Principal Palladino.
- Change to reflect Dean structure for Senior privileges
- Added statement that the school committee needs to approve senior privileges annually.
- Question of timeline for school committee approval.
- Motion by Mrs. Rotella, second by Mr. Flaherty. Unanimous approval.

Public Records

- Motion to accept policy without changes by Mr. Flaherty, second by Ms. Freitas. Unanimous approval.

Request for Hearing with School Committee

Motion approve policy with no changes. Ms. Freitas made the motion, Mr. Flaherty second. Unanimous approval.

Educational ServicesHomeless

- Questions for clarification of support.....
- Edit to change or to "of origin"
- Discussion
- Motion by Ms. Freitas, second by Mr. Flaherty to approve as amended.
Unanimous approval.

Transportation of Persons Requiring Medical Attention

No changes

Motion to approve as written by Mrs. Rotella, second by Ms. Freitas. Unanimous approval.

Controlled Substance

Discussion of legal requirements for testing for illegal substances.

Question if policy should be reviewed by Jeff Tatro, Transportation Manager. Set aside for his review. Also, review of law and regulations.

Home and Hospital Instruction

Hold for review. Ms. Panarese had concerns on qualifications.

We set the next meeting for January 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. by Mr. Flaherty, second by Ms. DeBonise. Unanimous approval.

Attendees: Michael Flaherty, Deborah Freitas, Joyce Bacchiocchi, Liz McDonald, Judi DeBonise, Jan Rotella, Cliff Sylvia, Barry Rabinovitch.