

COMMUNICATIONS/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES-Non-confidential

Thursday, February 1, 2018 3:30 p.m.

Agenda

Attendance: Dr. DeFabiis, Robyn Mikaelian, Anna Shinn, Carol Hample

1. 2018-2019 School Calendar

3 half days and 4 full of teacher in service as per contract. Consulted HCRHS calendar. Met with staff and admin to discuss. In service preferred on Mondays to Fridays. Vacations are long pushing end of school a bit. Addition of the option to use Feb 18th as a snow give back. For full board approval next BOE meeting.

2. 2017-2018 School Calendar revisions

We have used allotted snow days. Additional will be added to the end of the school year over Spring Break as a preference since school currently ending on a Wednesday.

3. Policies and Regulations for Discussion

Review of policy alert and policy guide.

- Policy 0169.02 – Board Member Use of Social Networks
Language used may contradict ethics training. Shelved until next meeting.
- Policy 3437 – Military Leave and Policy 4437 – Military Leave
Defined District employment time to specify full time, meaning employed over one year. Originally anyone who serves could become eligible for leave even if worked only 1 month. First read at next BOE meeting.
- Policy 5460.1 – High School Transcripts
Discussion on whether it is applicable. Has no bearing on Readington. Though mandated, not for a K-8 district.
- Policy 5516.01 – Student Tracking Devices
Discussion on the language, populations that are being addressed, current policies that may address part of this. Shelved for discussion at next meeting.
- Regulation 7101 – Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects
Very few changes, language removed as per DOE. First read at next BOE meeting.
- Policy 7425 – Lead Testing of Water in Schools
Water tested last year before a policy was suggested over the summer. Followed State law at the time. Policy is suggesting testing every 6 years. We would like to see yearly. First read at next BOE meeting.
- Policy and Regulation 7440 – School District Security

Do we have School Safety Specialist? Jason. Suggested that he be on committee but not specialist due to training regulations and what that would mean for time out of district. Dr. DeFabiis will be further exploring an appropriate candidate for this position. First read at next BOE meeting.

4. Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) *Social and emotional learning is the process through which children acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.
 - Positive Proactive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
Mr. Tumolo being brought forth as a potential district coordinator for this program, pending Board approval. Combination of mindfulness, character ed. Currently running program at WHS. School assembly first of the month. Looking for district wide coordination to take a proactive stance on discipline and create common language. Policy for discipline will be reexamined to ensure inclusion of proactive positive discipline.

For next meeting:

- Policy and Regulation 7441 – Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds
 - Policy 8507 – Breakfast Offer Versus Serve
 - Policy 8630 – Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility
 - Regulation 8630 – Emergency School Bus Procedures
 - Policy 9242 – Use of Electronic Signatures
- Future Meetings-agenda items