



Board of Education Policy Committee

March 19, 2025

Minutes

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education Room

Present: J. Lucasey, S. Stringer, P. Sullivan-Nunes, K. Slentz

The meeting convened at 4:03 p.m.

1. Framing the work

- a. Review and approval of agenda

The committee approved the agenda.

2. Updates and Recommendations

Committee

- a. Review of policy status on [Policy Worksheet](#)

The worksheet continues to be updated after each meeting and again before the next scheduled meeting.

- b. Review of [second readings](#) for the April 8th meeting

The committee reviewed questions from board members on first reading policies from the March 11 meeting. K. Slentz will respond to each member's questions and revise policies per committee directives. Policy 2130 will be placed on the March 25th agenda for another first reading based on changes. All other policies will be presented for second reading and recommended for adoption at the April 8 meeting.

- c. Review of memo from counsel: *Legal Analysis of Federal Enforcement of Title VI as Regards Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*

- i. Professional Learning Plans

- ii. Attorneys General Guidance

K. Slentz updated the committee on the challenges of conflicting language in memos from counsel, the federal government, and state attorneys general. The district continues to review policies and practices to ensure alignment with Titles VI and IX. No changes are needed at this time.

- d. Legislative proposals on cell phone usage in schools

K. Slentz updated the committee on the respective positions of the Governor, the NYS Senate, and the NYS Assembly regarding student use of cell phones in schools. The Governor has proposed a "bell-to-bell" ban, but the Senate and Assembly want to defer to local districts. The district anticipates more information from Albany during the state budget negotiation process. In the meantime, the district has initiated a review by each school building of the current use of technologies to improve teaching and learning. This review looks at the use of all technologies, not just cell phones, and our level of intentional use to improve teaching and learning. K. Slentz will update the committee on the district's progress at future meetings.

3. Policy Development and/or Revisions

Committee

- a. Required policies for review
 - i. Regulation 4321.12: Use of Time Out Rooms, Physical Restraints and Aversives
The committee completed the review of this regulation and placed it on the April 8 meeting agenda with Policy 4321.12 for review by the full board.
 - ii. Policy 2245: Ex-Officio Member of the Board (*currently being reviewed by Falino and Meagh*)
 - iii. Policy 0111: Sexual Harassment Grievances Under Title IX
 - iv. Policy 8113: Extreme Heat Condition Days (*HOLD - pending new policy based on new legislation*)
- b. Recommended policies for review
 - i. Policy 2160: School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics
- c. Future policies for review:
 - i. Policy 5300: Code of Conduct

4. Action Steps

- a. Determine first reading agenda items for the March 25 board meeting.
Policy 2130
- b. Determine policies to be reviewed at the April 2 committee meeting
Policies 2245, 0111, and 2160

5. Next Meeting Date

- a. April 2, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Committee

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Committee