

DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Meeting of the Policy Review Subcommittee
Thursday, January 20, 2022
9:00 AM

Zoom meeting

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Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM

2. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of Thursday, December 16, 2021

A motion by J. Costello, second by J. Evans to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2021 meeting was approved unanimously.

Evans – yes

Costello – yes

Kabala – yes

3. Communications

The communications will be discussed during the specific policy they reference.

4. School Committee meeting (01.12.2022) – request for further refinement

- JKA – Restraint of Students in Public Schools - Amendment
It was suggested by legal counsel that the term “caregiver” be removed from the policy as a “caregiver” can be considered anyone that provides care for any given amount of time (ex: 12 y.o. babysitter).

The policy is on hold until further guidance around the word “caregiver” is discussed.

- IGA - Curriculum Eval., Development and Adoption- Adoption
Principal Chaplin submitted concerns about blanketly putting in student voice on curriculum decisions. Superintendent Lamarche has requested Mr. Chaplin assist with incorporating a type of feedback loop into the policy without it effecting the final decision making.

It has been mentioned that you cannot add “student” voices to the policy without also including “parents”.

The policy is on hold for further review.

5. Feedback in Preparation for 2nd Read

- BEDH - Public Comment - Amendment
After a brief discussion revolving around communication received from a community citizen, the subcommittee has decided to remove “discussion, debate or dialogue between...” and instead rewrite the particular line of Policy BEDH as “Public Comment is not an open discussion between citizens and the School Committee.” The hope is to remove any hostile connotation from the policy.

Policy BEDH, item #5 was updated to reflect that disruptive conduct and/or remarks will not be **permitted by any party**.

A footnote to reference Policy KEC was added to direct individuals to the correct policy concerning Instructional Materials.

Policy BEDH is being moved to 2nd Read.

- BH - School Committee Public Communication - Amendment
In a communication from a concerned party, it was asked that the subcommittee find some way to note the comments from the public and the discussion that surrounds it. The subcommittee discussed ways to do this, but decided to keep the policy the way it is written.

Policy BH is being moved to 2nd read.

- BBAA - Overview of School Committee - Amendment
It was requested that a high-level paragraph explaining what Robert's Rules are be included in Policy BBAA.

A footnote link to Robert's Rules, as well as MGL 71:37 was added to the end of the Policy so anyone that wants to reference them has easy access to do so.

Policy BBAA is being moved to 2nd read.

- BDA - School Committee Organizational Meeting - Amendment
Policy BDA is being moved to 2nd read.
- IJL - Library/Media Materials Selection - Adoption
Anya Kennedy, SHRHS Librarian, offered communication and suggestions for Policy IJL.

Superintendent Lamarche is going to review the suggestions provided by Ms. Kennedy and apply them appropriately via a red-line version of Policy IJL for further review.

Policy IJL is currently on hold while edits are taking place. It will be reviewed at a future meeting.

6. New Business

- GDA - Substitutes – Temporary Employees - Retire
After additional research, it was found that other school districts do have a policy GDA in place.

After a discussion among members, it was decided to retire Policy GDA since wage and benefits are already defined by law.
- ACA - Harassment - Retire
The subcommittee has adopted Policy ACBB and can therefore retire Policy ACA to avoid having two harassment policies on the books.

- BG - Formulation of Policies - Amendment
Policy BG was amended to streamline the process of formulating policies.

The full scope of Administrative Regulations in Policy BG is struck as it doesn't make sense that it belongs to this specific policy.

Policy BG is being sent forward for first read.

7. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, February 17, 9:00 AM Video Conference

8. Future Agenda Items

- IJNDB - Staff Responsible Use Policy - Amendment
- IJNDBA - Student Responsible Use Policy - Amendment
- IJNDBB - Social Networking (Currently EDC) - Amendment
- IJNA - School and District Web Pages - Amendment

9. Adjourn

A motion by J. Costello, second by J. Evans to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 AM was passed unanimously.

School Committee Members

Catherine Kabala – Chair
Jordan Evans
Jeanne Costello

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