

Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting held on January 08, 2015, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance:

M. O'Brien, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Stuart Carlsen

Mrs. Melanie O'Brien

Mrs. Robin Renner

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Nicholas Hoffman

Mrs. Kristen Lacey - Alternate

1. Policy/Regulation 1324 - Solicitation of Funds by School Groups, Booster Clubs or Parent Groups

Discussion:

The committee addressed the questions submitted to the committee regarding the policy from Mr. Clayton, Board member each of which is addressed in other policy/regulations. The committee also discussed the letter submitted by Jen Larsen, Parent and PTO president and secretary, regarding the BEF as a fundraising group. The committee discussed the differences between fundraising organizations internal and external and the activities/events each of the organizations.

Mrs. O'Brien, Committee Chair, asked the administration to come back to the committee with clear distinctions of what activities each fundraising group does internally/externally. Mrs. O'Brien noted there is a Board policy supporting Education Foundations and the committee needs to have a clear distinction of the activities of each group.

The committee discussed the A.S.B.C. concern about the draft policy regarding students not being required to do mandatory fundraising. It was the consensus of the committee that students should not be required to do mandatory fundraising.

The committee tabled the policy/reg.

2. Policy/Regulation - 5141.7 Student Sports Concussions

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Discussion:

P.A. 14-66: An Act Concerning Youth Athletics and Concussions requires that school districts develop a policy regarding youth concussions.

Specifically, the act requires that:

To be implemented by July 1, 2014: (1) qualified school employee must provide notice within 24 hours after removing the student and (2) make reasonable effort to provide the notice immediately after the student is removed when a student is removed from an athletic activity for a concussion or suspected concussion; (3) collect and report the nature and extent of the concussion; and (4) circumstances in which the student substantiated it.

To be implemented by July 2015: (1) SBE to develop an informed consent form on concussions for parents of student athletes (2) districts to provide the form to parents and obtain their consent authorizing the student to participate in the athletic activity; (3) implement a concussion education plan; (4) prohibit students from participating in athletic activities unless the student and his/her parents meet the requirements of the plan; and (5) annual training for coaches.

The administration has already implemented many of the requirements of the legislation, even those that are not expected to be implemented until the 2015-2016 school year. We have implemented the parental consent form developed by the CIAC. We have provided advanced training to all coaches. We have a notification process to parents. We also have a well established return to play guidelines.

It was the consensus of the committee to recommend to the Board for approval.

3. Policy 5141.28 - Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention

Discussion:

It was the consensus of the committee to move to the Board for a First Reading.

4. Policy 6142.101 - Student Wellness and Nutrition

Discussion:

Ms. Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services, informed the committee there are new regulations coming from the USDA. We now monitor and track program more. This is a new policy for review. No action is needed at this time.

It was the consensus of the committee to move the Board for a First Reading.

5. Policy 5114 - Suspension/Expulsion Due Process

Discussion:

New policy revisions are for committee's review. No action needed at this time.

6. Audience Participation

Discussion:

Letter from Jen Larsen, 128 Grassy Plain Street, Parent and PTO president and secretary, to committee was read to committee.

7. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 7:05 PM passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen Yes

Mr. Nicholas Hoffman Absent

Mrs. Kristen Lacey Absent

Mrs. Melanie O'Brien Yes

Mrs. Robin Renner Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder