

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Date: November 27, 2023

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m

ELM STREET SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present: Andrea Winn, Emily Rinchich, Joe Parent, Melanie Harvey

Members Absent: Elizabeth Martin

Other Board Members Present: Mike Downing, Mary Martin

Administrators Present: Amy Hediger, Todd Sanders

Others:

Joe Parent Meeting called to order at 6:59pm

1. Agenda Item Adjustment

- a. Order of Discussion

2. Discussion of School Board agenda adjustments and motions

- a. Information from Steve Bailey (MSMA)
- b. Documentation provided by Amy Hediger
 - i. Same motions being made
 1. Can occur in the event a member with the prevailing side makes the motion
- c. Robert's Rules of Order
 - i. Special actions are necessary to change an action taken during the same meeting by "Motion to Reconsider"
 1. Obtained new information that might change the outcome of the vote. Simply being unhappy is not a reason to move to reconsider, which is why a member must have voted with the prevailing side to move this motion
- d. Inform the Board of information received
- e. Policy BEDB
 - i. Not currently an RSU 16 policy
 - ii. Review policy at next sub-committee meeting
- f. Agenda items desired to the Board Chair/Superintendent 10 days prior to meeting date

3. Board Meeting Location

- a. Acoustic Concerns
- b. Seating Concerns
- c. Auditorium
 - i. Solid sound system
 - ii. Align seats in more of a horseshoe shape
 - iii. December meeting will be held in the auditorium

4. Discuss - Futures Task Force Recommendation: “Advisory Council” to meet quarterly. Membership to include: District Administration, Building Principals, School Board, Staff Representatives, Town Officials and Community Members.

- a. Strategic Plan Review
 - i. Priority of the group
 - ii. Impact on CIP and Budget Development
 - iii. Vision and Mission
 - iv. Community Engagement
 - v. Stakeholder Feedback
- b. Continue the group work that began during the Task Force work
- c. Maintain the momentum recently generated by Board decision
- d. Possible Discussion Items:
 - i. Data Component
 1. Chronic Absenteeism
 2. Truancy
 - ii. CIP Review
 - iii. Class Sizes
 1. Per Pupil Spending
- e. Increased dissemination of information
 - i. Community Connections
- f. Consider starting the council immediately
- g. Reconsider the name of the council
 - i. Concerns with the possible interpretation of the word “advisory”

5. Strategic Planning Process

- a. Current Strategic Plan is beyond window of time identified
 - i. Result of COVID-19 pandemic
- b. Work to commence in January
 - i. Goal to be completed in August

6. Futures Task Force Recommendations

- a. Included in the Strategic Planning Process

7. Review Policies

- a. GBEC - Drug- Free Workplace (last revised date 2010)
 - i. Add Alternative Language (MSMA Policy)
 1. Include in current Policy
 - ii. Grammatical/Spelling Corrections
- b. GCI - Professional Staff Development Opportunities (last revised date 2012)
- c. Revisit Bullying Policy JICK
 - i. Work in Spring of 2023

8. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn at 7:43 PM
 - i. Motion by Andrea Winn
 - ii. Seconded by Emily Rinchich
 - iii. Vote: Unanimous