

MINUTES OF THE POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

October 16, 2017

Superintendent's Conference Room, ARMS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Emily Marriott, Chair

Phoebe Hazzard

Debbie Westmoreland

Stephen Sullivan

Since the Policy Committee was meeting for the first time since it was reorganized after elections, there was no Chair. The committee started business at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Hazzard moved to appoint Ms. Marriott as Chair. Ms. Westmoreland seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Hazzard then moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 2017. Ms. Westmoreland seconded and the motion was approved with Ms. Marriott abstaining. Discussion turned to Policy BEAA School Committee: Superintendency Union #26 School Committee Meetings. The subcommittee agreed to several wording changes; however, Ms. Marriott noted that this policy should not really be considered by the Regional School Committee since it involves only the Amherst and Pelham School Committees. By general consensus, it was agreed that Ms. Westmoreland will make the changes discussed and send the updated policy to the Policy Subcommittee for review. At that point, the policy will be sent to the Amherst and Pelham School Committees for consideration and approval.

The committee discussed which policies to consider at the next meeting. Ms. Westmoreland noted that Juna Pierre, the consultant who worked with the district leadership team this summer, met with Doreen Cunningham, Assistant Superintendent, to review policies for equity. There are several that Ms. Cunningham would like to meet with the Policy Subcommittee to review. It was agreed that Ms. Cunningham will be invited to the next meeting for this purpose. It was also agreed that the next agenda will include the following policies for discussion:

- AAA: Amherst School District Legal Status
- AAB: Pelham School District Legal Status
- AAC: Amherst-Pelham Regional School District Legal Status
- BDFA: School Committees: School Councils
- ACE: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap

It was agreed that meetings will be scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays. The next two meeting dates will be November 20 and December 18. Ms. Hazzard moved to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Mr. Sullivan seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Westmoreland