

POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 14, 2014

Present: Harold Tokerud, Chair; Tracie Ward and Dale Norton, Members; Ray Ritchie and Kerry Paniagua.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Pahrump boardroom with a videoconference link to the Tonopah boardroom.

Bradley Berthold spoke in public comment about Policy 5820 Teaching about Controversial or Sensitive Issues. He asked that sexual orientation be removed from the list of examples or reworded in the interest of equality. He suggested "human sexuality" be used in its place.

Mr. Norton moved adoption of the agenda. Mrs. Ward seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast. Mrs. Ward made the motion to approve the January 14 minutes, and Mr. Norton seconded. A unanimous vote was recorded.

7473 Concussions and Head Injuries – Mr. Norton said the District doesn't currently have a policy, and it is highly recommended by both PoolPact and NIAA. The District will enter into a computer generated concussion management training with NIAA. He explained that an athlete who is suspected of having sustained a concussion would be immediately removed from the contest, evaluated by a physician and not allowed to return until released. Mrs. Ward made the motion to move forward for first reading. Mr. Norton seconded, and a unanimous vote was registered.

1131 Educational Involvement Accord – Mr. Norton made the motion to mark reviewed, and Mrs. Ward seconded. There was a unanimous vote in favor.

1200 Parent Involvement and Empowerment – Mr. Norton made the motion to mark reviewed. Mrs. Ward seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast.

5556 Internet and School Network Acceptable Use – Mrs. Ward made the motion to mark reviewed, and Mr. Norton seconded. Mr. Tokerud asked how it was working out. Mr. Norton said there were minimal issues. When something comes to light that may be inappropriate, the District checks on how it got through the firewall. The vote was unanimous in favor.

5660 Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students – Mr. Norton made the motion to move forward for first reading. Mrs. Ward seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast. There was a brief discussion about other states having an exit exam for eighth grade.

7662 Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection – Mr. Norton made the motion to move forward for first reading, and Mrs. Ward seconded. There was a unanimous vote in favor.

Assignment of Future Policy Research – Another revision of the Safe and Respectful policy is pending. Mr. Norton said a signature page will be added for students. The attendance regulation will also be moving forward. Mr. Tokerud said he would really like to see starting times for Pahrump schools moved back and referred to several studies he has read. Mr. Norton said he would recommend surveying parents on this issue.

Mr. Berthold again offered public input. He had spoken to someone at the State level who indicated a recommendation may be made to change the title of Policy 0211 to Safe, Respectful and Inclusive Learning Environment.

Mr. Norton moved to adjourn at 1:18 p.m. Mrs. Ward seconded, and a unanimous vote was recorded.