

**POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**October 27, 2015**

Present: Harold Tokerud, Chair; Pam Hiler, Tracie Ward and Dale Norton, Members; Dr. Kim Friel, Ray Ritchie, Sheena Barnes, Cameron McRae, Evangelyn Visser, Janelle Veloz, Kerry Paniagua and Teresa Stoddard.

The Policy Committee meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. in the Pahrump boardroom with a videoconference link to the Tonopah boardroom. There was no public comment at either the beginning or end of the meeting. Mrs. Ward moved the adoption of the agenda with the correction of 7625a for item K (removal of "R"). Mr. Norton seconded, and a unanimous vote was recorded. Mrs. Ward moved approval of the September 15 minutes. Mrs. Hiler seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast.

8218 Drones – Mr. Norton explained this issue came up at an NIAA meeting. With injuries taking place around the nation, he felt the District needed to put something in place. One of the first things discussed at the emergency meeting over the U.S. Ecology fire was the use of drones to test air quality. He made the motion to move on for first reading. Mrs. Ward seconded, and a unanimous vote was recorded.

0211 Safe & Respectful Learning Environment – Dr. Friel indicated that "working" was removed from the title. It was matched to the law. Mrs. Ward made the motion to move on for first reading, and Mr. Norton seconded. There was a unanimous vote in favor.

5339 Limited English Proficiency – English Learners – Dr. Friel noted the State required the policy to contain vision, expectations, outcomes and definitions. The regulation will come forth later. Mr. Norton made the motion to move on for first reading. Mrs. Hiler seconded, and a unanimous vote was registered.

5370 Extended Instructional Programs – Dr. Friel asked the Committee's guidance on this. In 2013 a limit of six credits, or a year's worth, was put into place. However, the District has since received a grant for students to take GBC courses towards possibly earning an AA degree by graduation. This policy is geared toward advanced or AP credits. Mrs. Hiler questioned why they would limit it. Mrs. Ward inferred it could lower class sizes. She thought one of the thoughts behind the limit was kids who transfer in with a lot of credits. Ms. Paniagua believed a discussion in the last review had to do with encouraging kids to not leave school in less than four years. Dr. Friel said there's an agreement with GBC that if students take CTE levels one through three, they get credit for the first year in college, which equals dual credit. Mr. Norton made the motion to table until other districts could be surveyed, and Mrs. Hiler seconded. There was a unanimous vote in favor. Mrs. Hiler interjected that if students are motivated to do additional work, they shouldn't be limited.

5601 Academic Plans for Secondary Students – Mr. Norton made the motion to move on for first reading. Mrs. Ward seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast.

5660 Promotion – Retention – Acceleration of Students – Mr. Norton made the motion to move forward for first reading, and Mrs. Ward seconded. There was a unanimous vote in favor.

5831 Patriotic Exercises – Mr. Norton said this question came up at the last board meeting so he took a look at the law the next day. It was also addressed at the last AT meeting. Mr. Norton made the motion to move it on for first reading. Mrs. Hiler seconded, and a unanimous vote was recorded.

6145 Staff Conduct in Cyberspace – Dr. Friel added the verbiage “and the victim has factual and physical evidence to prove these allegations.” They have to take a snapshot or it will not be addressed. Mr. Norton made the motion to move it along for first reading, and Mrs. Hiler seconded. A unanimous vote in favor was registered.

6341 Licensed Personnel Probation & Evaluation – Ms. Barnes recommended the regulation be deleted. Staff will simply follow the law. Mr. Norton made the motion to move the policy on for first reading. Mrs. Hiler seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast.

7335 Student Conduct in Cyberspace – Dr. Friel said the wording is similar to 6145. “Any form of electronic communication” was added to be ahead of the game. Mr. Norton pointed out that bullying can be done through Xbox or Netflix. Mr. Tokerud asked if there is as much bullying this year. Dr. Friel said not as much cyberbullying is taking place. Mr. Norton moved on for first reading. Mrs. Hiler seconded, and a unanimous vote was recorded.

7625 Administering Medications to Students – Mr. Norton said diabetes was added. He made the motion to move the policy forward for first reading. Mrs. Hiler seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast.

7625a Epinephrine & the Management of Anaphylaxis – Mr. Norton said language was added per the legislative session. He made the motion to move on for first reading, and Mrs. Ward seconded. There was a unanimous vote in favor.

1131 Educational Involvement Accord – Mrs. Ward made the motion to mark as reviewed. Mrs. Hiler seconded, and a unanimous vote was recorded.

1200 Parent Involvement & Empowerment – Mrs. Ward moved marking the policy reviewed. Mr. Norton seconded, and a unanimous vote was registered.

5556 Internet & School Network Acceptable Use – Mrs. Ward made the motion to mark this reviewed. Mrs. Hiler seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast.

6144 Employee Dress and 7331 Student Dress – Mrs. Ward observed that almost everywhere people work has a dress code. The student dress code misses the opportunity to convey that the reason for them to have a dress code is to prepare them for their future working environment. Mrs. Hiler suggested just changing it in the policy isn’t enough. Maybe it needs to get out in the community. Mr. Norton offered to bring the policy back with new language. He asked if changes were needed for the regulation and said he’s like to ask principals how many dress code violations they’ve had, and if it’s a problem. He also reminded them there’s a difference between dress code at the elementary level and the secondary level. Mrs. Ward said part of the problem is that people think girls are being discriminated against. Ms. Barnes ventured it was usually a disruption in the learning environment. Mr. McRae added that it’s also a safety issue. Mrs. Ward said they can address the regulation once the policy returns.

Assignment of Future Policy Research – The following topics will be researched: 5370, 7331, nepotism and homeschool. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for December 8.

Mr. Norton moved to adjourn at 5:48 p.m., and Mrs. Hiler seconded. There was a unanimous vote in favor.