

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

MEETING DATE JUNE 9, 2011 7 P.M.

Mrs. Kristen Follert
Chairperson, Policy Committee

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky
Superintendent of Schools

June 9, 2011 Policy Committee Meeting began at 7 P.M. in the Administrative Offices.

Board Members present included Kristen Follert, Chris Caterson, George Gow, and Mary Homan

Administrators present included Mike Ognosky

Visitors present included Bill Host (High School Teacher)

The Policy Committee conducted the following business:

OLD BUSINESS:

- There were no items of "Old Business" discussed at tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The following revised policy recommendations were received recently from the PSBA Policy News Network and recommended for consideration:

- **Policy 122 (Extracurricular Activities):** This policy has been expanded to include conduct that occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation. Based on the information received from PSBA, it is recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 122 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.
- **Policy 123 (Interscholastic Athletics):** This policy has been expanded to include conduct that occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation. Based on the information received from PSBA, it is recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 123 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.
- **Policy 217 (Graduation Requirements):** Act 104 of 2010 amended the school code by adding a subsection authorizing the School Board to officially recognize Vietnam Veterans to the Operation Recognition Program which previously only included veterans from World War II and the Korean War. Based on the information received from PSBA, it is recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 217 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.
- **Policy 218 (Student Discipline):** This policy has been revised in order to reflect the new requirements pertaining to the report to the Office of Safe Schools and the memorandum of understanding requirements with local police departments. Based on the information received from PSBA, it is recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 218 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.
- **Policy 218.1 (Weapons):** This policy has been revised in order to reflect the new requirements pertaining to the report to the Office of Safe Schools and the memorandum of understanding requirements with local police departments. Based on the information received from PSBA, it is recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 218.1 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.
- **Policy 218.2 (Terroristic Threats):** This policy has been revised in order to reflect the new requirements pertaining to the report to the Office of Safe Schools and the memorandum of understanding requirements with local police departments. Based on the information received from PSBA, it is recommended by the Policy

Committee that revised Policy 218.2 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.

- **Policy 226 (Searches):** This policy has been updated to broaden its application to various kinds of searches that have been the subject of litigation. Previously it was focused mainly on searches of student lockers, and the revision provides more comprehensive guidance reflecting court-established standards applicable to searches for students' persons and other belongings based on individualized reasonable suspicion, including searches of electronic devices, as well as random or general searches that are not based on individualized suspicion. Based on the information received from PSBA, it is recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 226 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.
- **Policy 227 (Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia):** This policy has been revised to reflect the new requirements pertaining to the report to the Office of Safe Schools and the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials. The section of the policy regarding Off Campus Activities has been expanded to include conduct that occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation. Based on the information received from PSBA, it is recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 227 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.
- **Policy 237 (Electronic Devices):** This policy has been expanded to include conduct that occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation. Based on the information received from PSBA, it is recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 237 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.
- **Policy 314 (Admin Employees/Physical Examinations), Policy 414 (Professional Staff/Physical Examinations), Policy 514 (Support Staff/Physical Examinations):** These policies have been revised authorizing certified registered nurse practitioners and licensed physician assistants to conduct general physical examinations of teachers and other school personnel. Previously, the school code only allowed licensed physicians to conduct those physicals. Based on the information received from PSBA, it is recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 314, Policy 414 and Policy 514 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.
- **Policy 323 (Admin Employees/Tobacco Use), Policy 423 (Professional Employees/Tobacco Use), Policy 523 (Support Employees/Tobacco Use):** This policy has been revised in order to reflect the new requirements pertaining to the report to the Office of Safe Schools. Based on the information received from PSBA, it is recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 323, Policy 423 and Policy 523 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.
- **Policy 620 (Fund Balance):** This policy has been revised to further clarify GASB 54 and the restricted, committed and assigned classifications. A section related to the use of the fund balance, including an order of spending, has been added to this policy. Based on the information received from PSBA, it is recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 620 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.
- **Policy 805 (Emergency Preparedness):** An entire section related to the new requirements for development of a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials has been added to this policy. It was also updated with the new requirement to provide each local police department with a copy of the emergency preparedness plan. Based on the information received from PSBA, it is recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 805 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.
- **Policy 909 (Municipal Government Relations):** In addition to the new requirements pertaining to the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials, this policy has been expanded to clarify the role and authority of the Board regarding such cooperative relationships. This policy now includes a listing of examples of government units and other organizations that fall under the provisions of the policy. Based on the information received from PSBA, it is recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 909 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.
- **Policy 222 (Tobacco Use):** This policy has been revised in order to reflect the new requirements pertaining to the report to the Office of Safe Schools and the memorandum of understanding requirements with local police departments. Based on the information received from PSBA, it is recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 222 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.

The following policy has been recommended by PSBA for deletion from the Policy Manual:

- **Policy 225 (Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies):** This policy is recommended for deletion mainly because the memorandum of understanding is the guidance document that will be referred to when dealing with a situation that would involve law enforcement officials. The memorandum of understanding will detail the procedures for notification and protocols for response by law enforcement officials; therefore, Policy 225 is no longer necessary and could conflict with the memorandum of understanding. Based on the information received from PSBA, it is recommended by the Policy Committee that Policy 225 should be presented for deletion as a first reading consideration at the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.

V. OPEN FORUM

No items were discussed during the Open Forum.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mike Ognosky