

Columbia Board of Education Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2014

Members Present:

Board: Mr. Jonathan Sessions (Chair)
Ms. Jan Mees
Mr. James Whitt

CPS: Dr. Peter Stiepleman
Mrs. Melinda Adams

Community

Ms. Osborne relayed that House Bill 675 (Cade's Law) has three parts. The first section deals with secondary and elementary education. The middle section deals with health issues (children with diabetes), and Ms. Osborne noted this section can only either be adopted in full or not at all. It states there is a minimum of three school employees trained at each school by a student with diabetes and that training would include administration of glucose and other emergency treatments as prescribed. Ms.

Policy GBM Staff Complaints and Grievances

Mr. Sessions directed discussion to Policy GBM Staff. Dr. Stiepleman asked Mrs. Adams to share explanation at how we arrived at this of GBM. She relayed that information from past committee discussion was forwarded to MSBA and how that first three and a half pages now is the combined policy that supports legal review, but through 10 include the content of last month's PC review and legal information attached. Mr. Tracy asked who had drafted the information and Mr. Sessions replied MSBA's policy team and clarified MSBA reviewed it based on our request. Mr. Session added that this document is MSBA's legal opinion.

Ms. Mees moved to present the policy to the Board for review. Mr. White seconded. However, Ms. McClintic revisited that in the committee discussed attaching to the policy showing the committee's review comments from numerous people, and this was not done. Mr. Sessions stated language had been discussed, and Dr. Stiepleman said in later discussion the committee decided since it had not been sent to MSBA, that it should be sent for review. Mr. Sessions added that after the last meeting the document was compiled with information we received back from MSBA. Ms. McClintic stated she felt the new version was different from previous versions. Sessions replied that all information included in the past version was in the new version.

Dr. Stiepleman asked if there were items in the policy missing from past versions so that we can assure they are included when the Board reviews. McClintic expressed it was confusing to read. Ms. Mees pointed out there were steps to aid understanding.

Ms. Schuster commented that something needed for board because the current policy was inadequate. Ms. Mees moved that policy GBM be presented to the Board and it was seconded. Mr. Sessions asked if there were any further questions on discussion were none. Mr. Sessions asked for a vote and the group unanimously voted yes, no opposed.

- x Action: Policy GBM, as proposed, will be presented to the Board as scheduled for the December 8, 2014 board meeting.

Future Items

Mr. Session said G-R Student Discipline, GBCA Staff Conflict of Interest will be brought before this committee in December.

The schedule for the future committee meetings was discussed and the schedule of the third Monday would continue to stand. Ms. Mees asked to decide the date for December's meeting now and optional dates of December 1st and 1st were discussed.

- x Action: Decision was made to move the December meeting to Thursday, December 11th 4:30 p.m., in the Aslin Building. Mr. Sessions encouraged everyone to bring their calendars.

Ms. McClintic asked if there would be opportunities to other items such as what she had suggested in the last meeting regarding staff salary and when will be new personnel hired in with starting salaries higher than teachers already working in the district.

- x Action: Decision was made to add policy GBCA GBCA-R to the December Policy