Madison Public Schools Board of Education - Policy Committee Tuesday, October 20, 2020 6:30 PM via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Greg DeSantis called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Members Present: Greg DeSantis (Chair), Emily Rosenthal, Violet McNerney

Other Board Members Present: Diane Infantine-Vyce

Also Present: JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Ph.D., Wendy Brighindi

Recorder: Greg DeSantis

Agenda Section I Policies

The committee reviewed proposals to amend Policy #9400, Organization of School Board, #9410, Board Organizational Meeting, and #9420, Board Officers.

After discussion, the committee recommended unanimously that the BOE revise these three policies, #9400, #9410, and #9420 with first readings at the October 20 board meeting, with the modification as proposed and unanimously recommended by the committee that board officers be permitted to serve two consecutive one-year terms in a position before reaching the term limit.

Agenda Section II.A Policies

After brief discussion, and in alignment with recommendations from the administration, three policies drafted by Shipman and Goodwin were unanimously recommended for BOE adoption, as well as the corresponding rescission of the current policies with the same numbers, with a first reading on November 10:

- 1. Policy #4118.14 Disabilities
- 2. Policy #5200 Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504
- 3. Policy #5120.3.5 Automatic External Defibrillator

Agenda Section II.B Policies

After a brief discussion, and in alignment with recommendations from the administration, two new policies drafted by Shipman and Goodwin were unanimously recommended for BOE adoption, with a first reading on November 10:

- 1. Policy #1150 Smoking
- 2. Policy #1160 Possession of Deadly Weapons or Firearms

One question was raised regarding the possession of firearms on campus and how guests might be notified of this potential policy when arriving on any campus; Superintendent Paddyfote and Ms. Brighindi will investigate this further.

Agenda Section II.C Policies

After brief discussion, and in alignment with recommendations from the administration, four policies were unanimously recommended for BOE rescission, with a first reading on November 10.

- 1. Policy #1000 School-Community Relations Program
- 2. Policy #1312 Public Complaints
- 3. Policy #1316 Conduct on School Property
- 4. Policy #1350 Relations with Law Enforcement Officials

A suggestion was made regarding how members of the public might be notified about where the board suggests that complaints or concerns be raised (for example, beginning at the school level where appropriate) and that this be part of the public comment notification on agendas and at meetings. The matter has been referred to the executive committee for further consideration.

Public Comment

No members of the public submitted or made comments for this meeting.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7:23.

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