

Islesboro Central School
School Board Policy Committee Meeting
April 26, 2016
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Superintendent's Conference Room

Minutes

Attendance: Bill Kelly, Lars Nelson, and Patrick Phillips

1. Review and begin discussion of Teacher Evaluation policy (developed to align with current state rule): Patrick updated the committee on the anticipated timeline for policy approval and evaluation system adoption. He noted that the Maine DOE has clarified the impact of a recent statutory change, which allows districts to delay the final adoption of evaluation systems that include student growth for the next year. Patrick added that the Department will be developing its state plan for the new federal education law which does not require, as did NCLB, districts to use student growth to measure teacher effectiveness. After the Department develops its plan, it will be possible for districts to be much clearer about the remaining requirements. Thus, the local Evaluation Committee will be prepared by the August or September board meetings to bring a recommendation on our local evaluation system and policy.
2. Review and discuss a set of policies required by the School Nutrition specialists at Maine DOE, connected to our recent site inspection (will be brought to the meeting by Heather): The committee had received hard copies of several policies that are required by the federal government for districts that received federal assistance for Free and Reduced Lunch funds. These include: ACAA-R--Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure; ACAA—Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students; JL—Student Wellness; and EFE—Competitive Food Sales-Sales of Foods in Competition with the School Food Service Program. Two of the policies require further modification, which Patrick will do prior to the next Policy Committee meeting. ACAA and EFE are ready to be brought to the board for first reading.
3. Review list of required/recommended policies and discuss policies for review at next meetings: Patrick handed out the most recent lists of required and recommended policies and committed to reviewing these lists prior to the next Policy Committee meeting to identify any remaining policies that ICS does not currently have. This will allow the Policy Committee to outline its work for the coming months. Bill Kelly added that if there are numerous policies identified for work the Committee could take them up as a group and work through as many of the them as possible.
4. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.