

Islesboro Central School  
School Board Policy Committee Meeting  
September 27, 2016  
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Superintendent’s Conference Room

Mintues

Attendance: Lars Nelson, Bill Kelly, Shey Conover, Jess Woods, and Patrick Phillips.

1. Discuss policy committee goals for the coming year: The Committee discussed where the policy work ended in the last school year, including a review by Patrick over the summer of the latest version of the MSMA required policy list. Patrick noted that there are a handful of policies that we need to add based on his review of the list. He noted that he will bring the first batch to the committee over the next couple of meetings. The committee also discussed the proposed meeting schedule, agreed to by the full board, which is to meet every other month. With that in mind, the committee agreed to meet again on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at its usual time of 4:30-5:30 p.m.
2. Begin discussion of sample policies identified from the MSMA list of required policies:
  - a. IHCD—Post-Secondary Enrollment Options: Jess Woods was in attendance to provide information to the committee about how the updated student “personalized pathways” program in the middle and high school grades would influence the language in the post-secondary enrollment options policy. The board made a number of suggestions on wording, and Jess agreed to provide an updated copy to Patrick soon. The committee agreed to move the policy, with the agreed-upon modifications, forward to the full board for a first reading at the next board meeting.
  - b. ADA—District Goals and Objectives: The committee reviewed the district goals policy, which outlines a process for setting board goals on an annual basis. After some discussion of what processes had been used in previous years (Shey was very helpful here), the board agreed that a simple process and short discussion by the board might be helpful, but noted that there are a number of goals and objectives already moving the school forward and that a number of these reflect board leadership and goal-related discussions. The committee agreed that this policy would be placed on the next board agenda, and the policy discussion would be used to identify a small number of high priority goals for the coming year. Patrick will provide a few examples of such goals in his notes for the board.
  - c. JFABD—Admission of Homeless Students: The policy was table until the next meeting.
3. Review guidance document on transgender student in the context of policy ACAA: The committee did not have time to review this policy area, including a guidance document from MSMA. Bill Kelly had given thought to the policy and guidance document, and agreed to forward the thoughts to Patrick. This policy area will be discussed at the next meeting.
4. Set meeting date and tasks for next meeting: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 29 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the supt’s conference room.
5. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Phillips, Superintendent of Schools