The following policies and bylaws were discussed.

#5131.911 Bullying – Sally Bose spoke to this policy and stated new legislation, P.A. 08-160: An Act Concerning School Learning Environment, was enacted. “This new legislation also specifically expands the definition of bullying and requires school boards to implement the bullying policies they were required to adopt. Finally, it (1) requires people in a teacher preparation program to be encouraged to complete a school bullying and suicide prevention component and (2) requires teachers to receive in-service training in bullying prevention. Boards of education that implement an evidence-based model approach to bullying do not have to provide the training. In addition, the legislation makes the changes relative to what must be included in bullying policies, requires the policies be submitted to the State Department of Education (SDE) and requires it (SDE) to take certain steps with regard to policies and report to the General Assembly, and defines the term “prevention and intervention strategy.” The Committee discussed the proposed policies from CABE and decided to put forward to the Board the policy developed by Attorney Tom Mooney of Shipman and Goodwin.

*The Policy Committee recommended this revised policy be brought forward to the Board at its next meeting for its *first and final* reading. As this is a mandated policy, it will require only one reading.*

#9130 Committees – This bylaw was sent back to the Policy Committee by the BOE on November 18, 2008, Jay Keiser had a question on the type of standing committees. Sally Boske reviewed the Standing Committees and decided to insert them as follows:

- Budget
- Communications
- Curriculum
- Negotiations
- Policy
- Recognition/Relationships Committee?
- Transportation

The question on the Recognition/Relationships Committee will be reviewed at the BOE meeting as it is unclear whether the BOE wants to continue this committee.

The Policy Committee recommended this revised policy be brought forward to the Board at its next meeting for its first reading.

A discussion was had on how the policies and bylaws should be presented to the BOE. (Consent Agenda vs. Action Items) As all upcoming policies and bylaws are emailed to the Board members for their review prior to the agenda being posted, Sally Boske decided it would be best to insert all proposed policies onto the Consent Agenda. Hopefully, this will allow the policies and bylaws to go through the BOE meeting in a timely fashion. Note: Bylaw #9130 will be put on the Action Items as the BOE must make a decision on the Recognition/Relationships Committee.

Kathy Bengtson informed the Committee that Michael Pitruzzello and Robert Polselli with bring policies forward that need to be addressed at the next meeting.

The Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. in the Board Room of the Dr. Alfred B. Tychsen Administration Building

kfb