MIDDLETOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 3, 2009
Dr. Alfred B. Tychsen Administration Building
9:15 A.M.

Board of Education Members Present
Sally Boske, Chair and Sheila Daniels

Also Present
Kathleen F. Bengtson, Administrative Assistant

Sally Boske stated she was cancelling the July 1st meeting. Kathy will post it with the Middletown Town Clerk.

At the June 2, 2009, Board meeting, members requested the Budget Committee and the Policy Committee arrange a joint meeting to discuss the formation of a policy concerning line item transfers. Kathy will contact CABE to see if they have a policy dealing with this matter.

Concerning the Policy Series 7000 – Construction – Sally Boske requested Kendall Jackson review the policies to determine if any need to be revised. If they are acceptable as is, the Committee will bring all the policies to the Board to show they have been reviewed and accepted as is.

Kathy brought to the attention of the Committee, CABE’s most recent quarterly publication recommending the Wellness policy be reviewed as it was recently updated. Sheila Daniels asked Kathy to email the recommended policy to Kristen Byrd and herself for their review as they are members of the Wellness Committee. They will get back to the Policy Committee with their recommendations.

Sally Boske and Sheila Daniels requested information on the curriculum concerning sex education and puberty information. They also wanted to know if there was a policy that the Committee needed to address. Kathy stated she would look into it and report back to them by email.

The following policies and bylaws were discussed.

#2140 Superintendent – the Policy Committee requested Kathy contact CABE concerning this policy. As noted below, the Board wanted to remove the wording “prepared by the Superintendent of Schools.” from Policy #9012, but the Committee wanted to add it to this policy instead using the following wording, “
The Superintendent of Schools shall also prepare a budget that reflects the needs of the District for the next school year.” Kathy will bring this back to the Committee at the next meeting.

#9012  Legal Responsibilities of Board of Education – This proposed new bylaw was sent back to the Policy Committee by the Board on May 12, 2009. The Board would like Item #4 changed to eliminate the wording, “prepared by the Superintendent of Schools.” The Policy Committee requested Item #11 be changed to add in the beginning, “to establish a Curriculum Committee that reviews, develops and approves curriculum.” Kathy will contact CABE to find out what are the new changes in the law that will become effective on July 1, 2009. The Board has to develop a Curriculum Committee and give it a task as designated by the law. This bylaw will be brought back to the Policy Committee at its next meeting for further review.

#9270  Conflict of Interest – this policy was sent back to the Policy Committee by the Board for further review. The Committee reviewed the last Policy Committee requested change, and decided the conflict of interest statement did not need to be signed “each subsequent school year thereafter.” As this was the only proposed change, the policy does not need to be brought to the Board. The Conflict of Interest statement will be revised to remove the wording, “each subsequent school year thereafter.” Kathy confirmed that Marcy had this statement signed by all Board members. She will also forward to Marcy the changed statement for future use.

The Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. in the Board Room of the Dr. Alfred B. Tychsen Administration Building

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