Board of Education Members Present
Sally Boske, Chair, Sheila Daniels, Bill Grady

Also Present
Barbara Senges, Associate Superintendent, Robert Fontaine MHS Principal, Kathleen F. Bengtson, Administrative Assistant.

The following policies were discussed:

#5114 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process – Sally stated this policy was tabled at the last Board Meeting. There were a few questions that we needed to address before we send it back to the BOE. Corinne Gill had brought up that a hearing officer had to be mentioned in this policy. This was addressed, along with other minor typo changes, and inserted in the proposed policy. Bill Grady had a question concerning the knife references which might be an error in the Students with Disabilities section. Kathy will call CABE about the knife and get their view on why there was a description and exception of the knife blade in the Students with Disabilities section. If they say it can be removed, she will remove from the proposed policy.

Barbara Senges said we had a third grader with a one and half inch blade in school threatening someone with it. What do you do? Expel a third grader? The culture is so different now. Barbara believes we really have to look at the policy. How you treat an eighth grader differently than a third grader. She believes it has become a much bigger issue. The whole violence issue has changed. Parents need to spend more time with their children and explaining about the violence on TV, etc..

The Committee decided to forward this policy to the Board of Education for discussion and recommended this revised policy have a first and final reading. As this is a mandated policy, it will require only one reading.

#6146 Graduation Requirements – Bob Fontaine, stated the Curriculum Committee at its last meeting, proposed to increase the credits for the incoming graduating class of 2014. Bill Boyd, of the Curriculum Committee, had been concerned about the availability of teachers and the accessibility of funds in hiring more social studies and science
teachers. We would be starting with the Freshmen class so it will give us time to work on that aspect.

The following changes apply to the incoming Freshmen Class of 2014:

Increase Social Studies from 3 credits to 3.5 credits.
Increase Science from 2.5 credits to 3 credits.

Bill Grady suggested a year from now a course on personal finance be available to the students. Bob Fontaine said he agreed and is in the process of making that course available to all juniors. The students need to have more understanding on the handling of their money and the ramifications of their actions. Ordering on line, credit cards, searching for jobs, handling money and debt, etc. should all be addressed in this course.

Bob Fontaine will be getting information about the number of students who have enough credits to graduate and the number of students who take three years of science and three and half years of social studies. Sally believes it will show that it is not be too far off.

Concerning this policy, Sally will get out an email to the Board Members that this will be first and final because of time constraints.

It was noted that the Community Service Requirement should begin with the graduation class of 2014 and that has been changed in the proposed policy.

*Sally will get out an email to the Board Members that because of time constraints, this policy will be forwarded to the Board of Education for its *first and final* reading.*

The Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. in the Board Room of the Dr. Alfred B. Tychsen Administration Building

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