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

Also Present
Mike Pitruzzello, Director of Athletics/Student Activities, Donna Marino, Parent Resources Coordinator, and Kathleen F. Bengtson, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting schedule was discussed. It was determine because of time constraints concerning preparation of the Board packet, the Policy Committee Meeting Schedule should be changed to every fourth Wednesday of the month.

The following policies were discussed:

#1110.1 Parent Involvement Donna Marino spoke to the committee concerning this policy which has already been presented to the Board for its first reading. Her concern was the fact that the newsletters are not being sent home to parents anymore. Donna said she was hoping to expand grants and maybe that would help in this area. She had a question on Policy #6172.4 Title I and how that policy interacted with Policy #1110.0. Sally Boske said we will be looking at this policy later. After further discussion, Donna agreed with the language on the policy that was presented to the Board last month.

_The Committee decided to forward this policy to the Board of Education at its next meeting for its Second Reading._

#5141.31 Health Examinations for Interscholastic Athletic Participation. Coach Michael Pitruzzello, Director of Athletics and Student Activities, stated that during the year we have scheduled four (June, August, November and March) separate times for Dr. Havilcek to come to the school for student physicals. At the present time, approximately 60% of the students go to Dr. Havilcek for their physicals. Coach Pitruzzello said our present policy should be changed to delete the date. Parent have found that their insurance will only cover one physical per year and it usually falls at the wrong time, so most parents use Dr. Havilcek. The changes recommended in the policy will be to the second paragraph under #1 to read,

“All sport participation physicals must be current and up to date for the upcoming school year and throughout the athlete’s participating season(s).”
The Committee decided to forward this policy to the Board of Education for discussion and recommended this revised policy for its first reading.

#6153 Field Trips and Community Service. We will need to address this policy concerning chaperones and any payment for services.

Sally Boske said she had a question about the students that do not participate in the field trip. A question was asked if a record was kept on how many field trips a teacher participates in each year. Nancy Hayes was consulted and it is only marked as educational day and it is the responsibility of the principal to allow a teacher to go on the field trip.

Sally stated we would be more concerned about the middle and high schools and the students left behind to be instructed by a substitute.

Michael Frechette has instituted a procedure that all field trip requests must go to Barbara Senges for approval before it is forwarded to the Board of Education for its approval. Language to this effect will be changed in the last paragraph of the policy as follows: “The Superintendent or designee and the Board of Education must approve all extended student field trips.”

Sally Boske said the Board wants to make it clear to Administration that the Board wants the form to be filled out completely or it will be denied.

The Policy Committee requested the proposed changes be reviewed by Barbara Senges before this policy is forwarded to the Board, therefore, this policy will be again reviewed at the next Policy Committee meeting.

The Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. in the Board Room of the Dr. Alfred B. Tychsen Administration Building.

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