The following policies were discussed:

**Bylaw #9325.2 Order of Business** - The Policy Committee had two concerns on this Policy that was adopted on May 10, 2011:

1. *In an effort to have the public be more polite and civil when they are making their remarks in public session, the Committee feels the Chair should read a statement to the public:*

   The Committee reviewed this policy at its last meeting. It did not receive a response from Attorney Chris Chinni with a statement for Chair Gene Nocera to read when he opens public session. Kathy had sent the request to Michael Frechette to forward to Attorney Chinni.

   Bill Grady will pull together some information and thoughts and present them at the next Special Policy Committee meeting, February 7, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

   The intention of this proposed statement, to the extent possible, is to have the public refrain from statements that can be consider slanderous and create a liable situation. Ed McKeon wants a legally worded document brought to the public that they cannot liable persons. Chair Gene Nocera needs to gavel out anyone who speaks against individuals. A teacher should not be defamed.

   Sheila Daniels noted we need to remind the people to identify what agenda item they will be addressing during the first public session.

2. *Should the public session be changed to the way it was before May 10, 2011, with the public session in the beginning of the meeting for both agenda and non agenda items.*

   Ed McKeon feels strongly the public session should be put back in the front of the meeting, and not expect people to wait until the end of the meeting to speak. Bill
Grady stated be believed this policy has only been in effect for four meetings and we should give it more time before we change it again.

The Committee decided it would need more feedback and would schedule a special meeting on January 7, 2012 at 8:00 A.M. in the Board Room. The following persons would be invited to express their thoughts as to how the changes are working: Michael Frechette, Barbara Senges, Marco Gaylord, Stephen McKeever, Joe Cassella and Jim Gaudreau

*The Committee decided to table policy #9325.2 Order of Business and review it again at a Special Policy Committee Meeting scheduled for February 7, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.*

**Policy #5131.6 – Alcohol Use, Drugs and Tobacco** - The Policy Committee discussed this policy and reviewed CABE’s new policy along with our present policy. Because the CABE policy is required and included many changes to our present policy, the committee recommended the revised Policy #5131.6 be presented to the Board of Education at its next meeting and will require two readings. All members agreed.

The Policy Committee reviewed the list of required policies from CABE and decided to continue with the matrix Kathy puts together, and to review Policy #5141.4 – Child abuse – at the scheduled February 28, 2012, meeting.

*The Policy Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.*

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 8:00 A.M. in the Board Room of the Dr. Alfred B. Tychsen Administration Building.

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