Board of Education Policy Committee Members Present:

Sheila Daniels, Chair and Ava Hart

Also Present:

Dr. Patricia Charles, Superintendent, and Kathleen F. Bengtson, Administrative Assistant

The following policies and bylaws were discussed.

#1325 – Advertising & Promotion

Concerning this policy, Dr. Charles stated she is still gathering information on this policy and will bring it to the committee at a later date.

#5113 – Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal – CABE notified the district that there has been a legal change concerning PA 14-19, An Act Concerning Excused Absences from School for Children of Service Members.

The Committee discussed the new legal change and recommended this revised policy be brought forward to the Board at its next meeting for its first and final reading as it is a legal change to the policy.

#5145.12 – Search and Seizure – This policy was did not pass the March 10, 2015, Board Meeting and was returned to the Policy Committee for further review. After a full discussion, the Committee though the addition of the following highlighted sentence would address the concerns of the Board of Education. (This can be found on Page 5145.12(b) “Use of drug-detection dogs, alcohol detection devices and metal detectors, or similar detective devices may be used only on the express verbal and written authorization of the Superintendent. Use of such devices will occur when there is reasonable suspicion of a violation of a law or Board policy.”)

The Committee also thought it would be informative if Sargent Porter of the Middletown Police Department could be invited to attend the next Board Meeting to present more information on the subjects of drug sniffing dogs and drugs in schools.
A regulation and the forms for this policy will be reviewed by Dr. Charles against the CABE policies and regulations and will be ready for posting when this policy is adopted.

The Committee discussed the matter and recommended this revised policy be brought forward to the Board at its next meeting for its second reading.

There was not enough time to review the following policy:

#4131 – Staff Development

The policies to be addressed at the next Policy Committee meeting will be determined at a later date.

The next Policy Committee meetings will be scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 7:15 A.M. in the Board Room of the Dr. Alfred B. Tychsen Administration Building.

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