Board of Education Policy Committee Members Present:

Sheila Daniels, Chair

Also Present:

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

The following policies and bylaws were discussed.

#1324 – Solicitation of Funds and Gifts, Grants and Bequests – Dr. Charles requested this policy be reviewed to incorporate wording concerning gifts of animals (VoAg Department). Additional changes were made to allow the Superintendent or designee to review the application, instead of just the Director of Facilities.

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

#5114 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process – New legislative changes were made to the definitions of Suspension, In-School Suspension and Expulsion. These changes include an act prohibiting (in most cases) out-of-school suspensions and expulsions for students in Preschool and grades Kindergarten to Two. Dr. Charles stated we wanted to ask our attorney about its most current policy as compared to CABE’s policy. The legislative changes are mandatory and the Shipman and Goodman noted legislative changes will be incorporated into the current policy.

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

#6115 – Ceremonies and Observances-- Dr. Charles and Sheila Daniels compared the district’s present policy and regulation with the CABE sample versions.

It was decided to change the wording on the policy as follows:

In the first paragraph:
“Pledge of Allegiance

Each school within the district shall provide time each school day for students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Such recitation is voluntary. **Non-participants are expected to maintain order and decorum appropriate to the school environment.**

In the last paragraph of the policy, the wording will be changed as follows:

“While schools are in session on **some religious holidays/holy days, including** Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur and others, the Board will allow those who wish to observe these holy days students who observe these holidays/holy days to refrain by refraining from tests, quizzes, games and performances. **Makeup of tests, quizzes and school work will be the responsibility of the student.** Students will not be penalized because of their observance of religious holidays.”

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

9325.2 Order of Business  - This policy is returning from the last BOE meeting to make a few suggested changes: They are as follows:

- **I. Communications**
  - A. Report of Student Representative
  - B. Board members
- **II. Consent Agenda**
  - A. …
  - B. …
- **III. Department Reports**

The Committee discussed the matter and recommended these changes to the proposed revised policy be brought forward to the Board at its next meeting for its **SECOND** reading.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled tentatively for Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 8:00 A.M. in the Board Room of the Dr. Alfred B. Tychsen Administration Building.

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