Board of Education Policy Committee Members Present:

Sheila Daniels, Chair, Christopher Drake

Also Present:

Dr. Patricia Charles, Superintendent, Kathleen F. Bengtson, Administrative Assistant, and Meg Susi, Community Member.

The following policies and bylaws were discussed.

#5125 – Student Educational Records/Annual Notification of Parental/Student Rights -
This is a mandated policy and required updating. The Policy Committee had a lengthy discussion regarding this policy and also Policy #5145.15 – Directory Information and how they may conflict and that both policies would not be required, it was noted only Policy #5125 is mandated.

Directory Information is information contained in an education record of a student that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. The district may disclose any of the items listed as “Directory Information” without prior written consent of parent/guardian, unless notified in writing to the contrary.

Kathy discussed the new student enrollment program InfoSnap and showed the Committee how the Annual Notifications which include this Policy #5125 will be presented to the parents for their use in enrolling students.

There was discussion on how this policy applies to videos as opposed to photos and how a FOI request for a video would be handled. Christopher Drake stated that probably the request should be denied as it requires a discretion research. Videos are not as searchable as documents. There is no analog video search available.

Concerning the Student Recruitment aspect of this policy #5125, the district recently revised mandated policy #5145.14 – On-Campus Recruitment on March 8, 2016, therefore, this policy is up-to-date.

Dr. Charles stated she will speak to Attorney Ann Littlefield of Shipman and Goodwin to get her opinion on how this policy should be handled.
As the InfoSnap program will be online shortly for Kindergarten registration, the Committee wanted to have the updated policies in place before it begins. As this is a mandated policy, the Committee agreed to take Attorney Littlefield’s opinion and bring forth her suggested policy.

**Because of the time sensitivity, Dr. Charles proposed this policy #5125 be brought forward as its first and final reading at the Friday, April 29, 2016, BOE Special Meeting. The Policy Committee agreed.**

#5145.15 – Directory Information - As stated above this policy is covered in Policy #5125, and the Committee decided it was not necessary.

Again, because of the time sensitivity, Dr. Charles proposed this policy #5145.15 be brought forward for its proposed DELETION and as its first and final reading at the Friday, April 29, 2016, BOE Special Meeting. The Policy Committee agreed.

#5131.7 – Weapons and Dangerous Instruments Kathy noted this policy is a required policy in the CABE policy list. Dr. Charles questioned whether we needed this individual policy as we already have Policy #1600 Possession of Deadly Weapons or Firearms under the Community Relations section (1000 Series). In addition, the same issue is addressed under the Students section (5000 Series), Policy #5114 – Suspension/Expulsion Due Process.

The Policy Committee decided to have Dr. Charles ask Attorney Littlefield whether this policy would be necessary considering we have the other two policies in place. Dr. Charles will let the Committee know in the near future.

There was not enough time to address the following, which will be addressed at the next policy committee meeting:

#0000 – Mission/Philosophy

#0200 – Goals for Student Accomplishment

#9325.2 – Order of business

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled tentatively for Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 8:00 A.M. in the Board Room of the Dr. Alfred B. Tychsen Administration Building.

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