Board of Education Policy Committee Members Present:

Cheryl A. P. McClellan, Chair

Also Present:

Michele DiMauro, Manager of Human Resources Dept.
Donna Marino, Family Engagement Coordinator
Kathleen Bengtson, Administrative Assistant

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M.

The following policies and bylaws were reviewed:

#5141.213 – Opioid Overdoes Prevention -- This policy was previously forwarded to the BOE and was accepted for its first reading. Mary Emerling had requested we hold this policy back from the BOE for its second reading, to discuss certain aspects which have come to light after its initial reading. Unfortunately, Mary was unable to attend this meeting.

The Policy Committee requested this Revised Policy #5141.213 be brought back to the next Policy Committee for further review.

#6172.4 – Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Title I and Non Title I Students – Our current policy is dated June 20, 2006 and requires updating.

Donna Marino stated our situation is a little different in that not all of our schools have Title I programs. We want to be sure we are following the requirements for Title I and also include all our students in the Parent and Family Engagement policy.

Donna Marino brought this mandated policy forward at the last Policy Committee meeting and was instructed to “distribute this proposed Replacement Policy #6172.4 to our administrators for their thoughts and comments. It was to be revisited when the policy has been updated with the administrators’ suggestions. She stated that the only administrators she heard from was Jim Gaudreau, Principal of Lawrence School, who said it was fine.

Basically, the law has changed and we need to replace the No Child Left Behind information to the Every Student Succeeds Act “ESSA”.
Donna discussed many of the programs that our District offers such as People Empowering People (PEP), Parent leadership Training Institute, Circle of Security (COS), Raising Readers, etc.

Michele DiMauro asked if we are in compliance with this policy and Donna stated the schools are already doing the required procedures. We are working for civic engagement and to involve the PTA, along with parents and other groups.

It was noted that Marco Gaylord is the Title IX coordinator and Enza Macri is the Title 1 coordinator.

Donna feels we want to bring the policy to life and give it legs. Policy can really define what a district does if they pay attention to it.

Because there were many changes to this replacement policy to address our situation which is a little different in that not all of our schools have Title I programs, the committee suggested for the BOE members’ convenience, the proposed replacement policy is marked as follows:

Changes in Orange are from the Nellie Mae Family Engagement School District Coalition
Changes in Yellow are from the Policy Committee
Changes in Grey are from CABE

The Policy Committee requested this mandated Replacement Policy #6172.4 be brought forward to the next BOE meeting for its first reading.

Cell Phones - This agenda item was tabled.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 8:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Bengtson
Administrative Assistant