

RHINEBECK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT/POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of May 12, 2016

Present: Diane Lyons, Mark Fleischhauer, Lisa Rosenthal, Joe Phelan

The items discussed at this meeting were: (1) review of revised policy regarding use of district credit cards; and (2) continued review of district policies.

(1) Proposed Policy No. 8334: "Use of Credit Cards". A proposed policy on this subject was previously reviewed by the Committee, after which it was referred to the Finance Committee for input. The current version is the result of the Finance Committee's work. After reviewing the revised policy, the Committee asked Joe to make a few non-substantive linguistic changes, and to revise the policy to make clear that the use of district credit cards is to be limited to circumstances where a vendor will not accept an order other than with a credit card payment at the time the order is placed.

(2) Continued Review of Policies: The Committee continued with its review of the existing policies, as follows.

a. Policy No. 5154: "Assignment of Students to Classes". No changes were deemed necessary.

b. Policy No. 5155: "Student Withdrawal from School". The Committee asked Joe to review the history of the adoption of this policy, specifically with respect to subsection 5, because the intent of the subsection was unclear to the Committee and it did not seem to be drawn from statute, as the remainder of the policy was.

c. Policy No. 5161: "Truancy and Tardiness". The Committee discussed whether these two concepts belonged in a common policy, as the issues relating to each were different from the other; in addition, the policy as written seems to apply mostly to tardiness. The Committee suggested making minor linguistic changes to emphasize that the district disapproved of chronic, unexcused tardiness while acknowledging the fact that there is not much that can reasonably be done about it. Joe will provide the Committee with a proposed redraft at the next meeting.

d. Policy No. 5162: "Student Dismissal Precautions". No changes were deemed necessary.

e. Policy No. 5182: "Released Time for Religious Instruction". No changes were deemed necessary.

f. Policy No. 5200: "Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities". No changes were deemed necessary.

g. Policy No. 5210: "Student Organizations". No changes were deemed necessary.

h. Policy No. 5220: "Student Publications". After a discussion regarding the parameters of the building principals' authority to permit or deny permission for students to distribute literature relating to religious subjects in the schools, the Committee asked Joe to confer with the district's lawyers and report back.

i. Policy No. 5230: "School Dances". No changes were deemed necessary. However, the Committee asked Joe to clarify whether students who were absent on the day of a school dance were, nevertheless, permitted to attend a dance.

Proposed Agenda for Next Regular Meeting (June 9, 2016):

Continued review of district policies, starting from Policy No. 5240. Follow up on previously-discussed items.

Dated: May 13, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Rosenthal