

Performance Monitoring Committee

March 18, 2021 minutes

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Attending via zoom: Albert Cousins, Tom Burnell, Christine Natoli, Steve Jenkins, Mark Fleischhauer, Jackie Raccuia

Title 9 policy revisions and board trainings

Discussion: The Superintendent reported that there are new federal regulations regarding the procedure for the handling of sexual harassment cases within schools. There is also a change in the language and labels. The district's current policy will require amendment to comply with new mandates. The district's attorneys are awaiting clarification from the federal government and will assist in updating the policies.

Decisions: The Superintendent will provide the board with a brief background, in the form of a slide deck, on the policy changes that need to be brought forth. The committee will await and review the amended policy and bring it to the full board when appropriate.

Discussion: Board members are required to complete the mandatory annual board training in sexual harassment and mandated reporting. Online modules will be investigated and shared with the board to meet compliance.

Live streaming and increased in-person learning

Discussion: The middle and high school teachers participated in a professional development day on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 to assist in the transition to live-streamed classes. Six of the district's current teachers have been using this technology and facilitated the PD. The classrooms have been equipped with cameras and microphones.

The high school seniors and CSE students will be returning to 4 day in-person learning starting Monday, March 22, 2021. The district will slowly phase in additional grades in BMS and RHS following spring break. The option to remain a fully remote learner remains available, however, there is a change to the current schedule for remote learners.

New Federal Stimulus Package

Discussion: Tom advised the committee regarding the new federal (COVID) stimulus package. 2.5 billion dollars has been allotted to upstate New York school districts. At this time, Rhinebeck School District has been given an estimated amount, based on Title 1 status, to be dispersed over the next three years. There are strict stipulations on how the monies are to be spent requiring approval by the State.

Decision: As additional information is received; it will be shared with the board and community. Discussions regarding innovative uses of the grant will be discussed.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 15, 2021

Respectfully submitted: Jacqueline Raccuia