

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**November 5, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. with the following people present: Sharon Cox (chair), Pat O'Neill, Charles Haughey, George Margolies, Glenda Rose (recorder), Harriet Potosky, Robin Confino, Greg Thornton, Lori-Christina Webb, Karen Crawford, Judy Lewis, Susan Falkenhan, Roger Titus, and Judy Bresler.

**POLICY JFA – STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

After a long discussion, it was decided to change the language at C.3. to read

Additionally, students elected to student government or **occupying** other **leadership** positions ~~must demonstrate good citizenship during their term of office~~ are expected to **meet a higher standard of conduct and comply with all policies, regulations, and procedures on and off campus during their term of office.**

There was a discussion on whether or not to broaden or narrow the language in C.6. for student discipline when there is a nexus to off-campus activities.

There was an addition at the end of C.11. that reads – zero tolerance policies and procedures that govern participation in extracurricular, graduations and other school- related activities or events.

There was a short discussion about the meaning of C.9. and whether it related to bullying or hazing. It was agreed that the regulation would cover these infractions.

The policy is scheduled for tentative Board approval on December 9, 2003.

There was a break from 3:15 to 3:35 p.m. to watch the Senate confirmation of Board counsel, Roger Titus, to the United States District Court.

**LEGAL AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS AS TO NOTIFICATION AND DISCIPLINE OF STUDENT SEX OFFENDERS**

Staff explained that when the system receives notice of a sex offender residing in the area, the information is sent to the Office of School Performance and posted in a folder accessible to all administrators with the person's name, address, employer, date of birth, race and the charge. The administrators of the closest schools are sent a separate notice with the same info. The incident at Quince Orchard High School was the first time anyone is aware of a *student* being the offender. However, students convicted of other offenses have been placed

in schools and the principal has considerable discretion on how to handle the situation.

The committee's concerns were that the notification process for a student offender should include the Board of Education and that the process should be more transparent to the community. The chair also asked that the timing of the notification from judicial/police agencies be researched and that principals be asked for their reaction to and suggestions for policy limits on placements in particular circumstances. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

#### **POLICY CNA – ADVERTISING MATERIALS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This policy was scheduled for discussion based on further input from schools. It was decided to add C.1.d.–Licensed Daycare Centers – to those items that can be distributed via student backpacks. It was noted that there will be push-back from sponsors of sports and cultural events, who will not be accorded similar privileges.

The policy is scheduled for tentative approval by the Board on January 13, 2004.

#### **POLICY BOA – LEGAL SERVICES**

There was a discussion about the appraisal of legal services, such as quality and cost, and the need for flexibility to enter into multi-year agreements with outside counsel. This will go to the Board on December 9, 2003, for tentative action.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2003, at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.