

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE**

February 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. with the following people present: Sharon Cox (chair), Pat O'Neill, Sagar Sanghvi, George Margolies, Glenda Rose (recorder), Harriet Potosky, Susan Falkenhan, Karen Harvey, Diane Mohr, Robin Confino, Laura Steinberg, Lori-Christina Webb, Kathy Lazor, Bruce Crispell, Joe Lavorgna, and Shirley Brandeman.

Policy to Comply with Child Nutrition Act

Ms. Lazor reported on the legislation which directed schools systems to adopt an implementation policy. There was a discussion on whether or not there is a need for a policy or if the legislation could be addressed with a regulation. It was decided that an overarching policy will speak to the legislation and all details will be spelled out in a regulation. Staff will work on drafting the documents, get feedback from the community, and bring the policy to the Board for approval in time for implementation in September 2006.

Policy FAA – Long Range Educational Facilities Planning

Staff walked the committee through the proposed policy. There were some editorial changes. The committee was concerned about notification to the community when there are proposed alternatives or options. It was decided that there would be a definition in the regulation with specifics on how all communities affected will be notified using reasonable efforts. The policy will be forwarded to the Board for tentative approval on March 8, 2005.

Implementation of Policy IKA – Grading and Reporting

Staff stated that the electronic report card is in the final stages of approval. The committee questioned staff on the feedback from parents on the report card, especially those parents who are not traditionally involved with the PTAs. Furthermore, the committee was concerned on how the high schools disseminated information on the implementation of the policy since there appeared to be inconsistency and parents were still confused. The committee asked for feedback on what was sent to the parents, what was the format, and how it is monitored.

Policies for Rescission

After reviewing six policies for rescission, the committee decided to forward the following policies to the Board on March 8, 2005, with a recommendation for rescission:

Policy FBC – *Modular Construction in School Facilities*

Policy IHA – *Independent Study*

Policy JPA – *Administration of Medication to Pupils*

Policy JPE – *Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Aids/HTLV-III Infection)*

Whenever a policy comes before the Board that encompasses another policy, the recommendation for policy rescission will be made at the same time.

Policy BFA – Policysetting

Staff is working with counsel to edit the policy, and the policy will be scheduled for discussion at the next meeting of the Policy Committee.

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Update on Implementation of Policy IKA – *Grading and Reporting*

Policy BFA – *Policysetting*

Implementation of Policy IOA – *Gifted and Talented Education*

Policy IOB – *Education of Students with Disabilities*

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.