

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE**

February 8, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. with the following people present: Sharon Cox (chair), Steve Abrams, Pat O'Neill, Sebastian Johnson, George Margolies, Glenda Rose (recorder),

Staff present: Pat Kelly, Mike Cohen, Betsy Brown, Laura Steinberg, Robin Confino, Stephanie Williams, Janine Bacquie, Harriet Potosky, Cathy Pevey, Don Kress, Diane Mohr, Jody Leleck, Bruce Crispell, and Joe Lavorgna.

Community members present: Marnie Jacobs, Wayne Goldstein, and Mark Adelman.

**Committee Quorum**

The committee reviewed and approved a draft resolution that is scheduled for a vote at the February 27, 2006, Board meeting.

**Regulation FAA-RA – Long-Range Educational Facilities Planning**

Staff reported that the work group met through December and reviewed the draft regulation in January. The work group compared the old policy and regulation with the new policy and regulation to assure that nothing was inadvertently omitted from the regulation. Furthermore, the preparation of this regulation was done with an unusual amount of community involvement. There was a discussion about the definitions in policies and regulations, and it was suggested that there could be an overarching section for definitions. It was pointed out that the Capital Improvements Program is also a policy document, and it is approved by the Board. The staff walked the committee through the regulation, and the committee made suggestions to clarify the language. The regulation is scheduled for Board discussion on February 27, 2006.

**Policy JEB – Early Entrance to Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade**

Staff presented an update for the committee in the following areas: waiver process, expectations for kindergarten, survey data, pay-for-services model, cost sheet, appeals status, benchmarked data, and success rate of early entrance students. There was a lengthy discussion about the six-week window for waivers and the appeals process. It was decided that the policy would retain the six-week window for a waiver, and staff would review the process to allow an appeal demonstrating extraordinary readiness.

**Policy IQD – Academic Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities**

Staff had done research on the possibility of waivers to eligibility requirements. Through the leadership team a school could apply for a waiver and initiate a pilot that would provide decision-making data. Staff believed that the principals supported the policy, and they are not interested in other provisions of eligibility since it would be difficult to

manage.

### **Office Support for Policy Review**

The committee wanted to know where staff was in policy implementation, review, evaluation, and reporting requirements. It was determined that there was not enough staff time to allocate to a complete review and assessment of policy implementation.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is March 8, 2006, at 2:30 p.m.

1. Review the Committee Work Plan
2. Policy IEB – *Middle School Education*
3. Policy JPG – *Wellness: Physical and Nutritional Health*
4. Update on the Implementation of Policy IKA – *Grading and Reporting*

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.