

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE**

November 8, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. with the following committee members and support staff present: Sharon Cox (chair), Steve Abrams, Marlene Hartzman, Marcia Vogel, and Glenda Rose (recorder).

Other staff present: Stephanie Williams, Harriet Potosky, Lori-Christina Webb, Elaine Chang, Judy Bresler, Michael Cohen, Janine Bacquie, Janice Faden, Erick Lang, Robin Confino, and Brian Porter.

**Policy IEA, Early Childhood Education**

Staff presented Draft 12 of the policy, which had been revised with the input from all stakeholders involved with early childhood education. The committee asked several questions to make sure that there was ample community and agency input. Staff assured the committee that there was a shared mission with public and private providers, and agencies will work together with a common goal.

Staff explained that some of the language of the new policy reflects modern terms, the Baldrige goals, vertical articulation, parent engagement, and the *No Child Left Behind Act*. The new policy will reflect the early childhood development initiative.

There was a discussion about “eligible” students, and the committee requested staff to come back with language to address the issue. The committee also requested staff to substitute commonly understood words for educational jargon, such as scaffolding. If no other word can be used, then the word needs to appear in the glossary.

The revised policy with edits and new language will be scheduled for the next Policy Committee meeting on December 13, 2006.

**Policy JEE, Student Transfers, Regulation JEE-RA, Student Transfers, and Policy JFA, Student Rights and Responsibilities**

The committee reviewed all three documents and discussed the ramifications of each regarding the need to assure that student leadership positions are filled by those students who exhibit a higher standard of conduct. The committee decided to delete the phrase “during their term of office” in Policy JFA and bring the policy to the Board of Education on November 14, 2006, for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.