

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

May 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. with the following Board members and Board staff present: Pat O'Neill, (chair), Shirley Brandman, Alan Xie, Suzann King (staff assistant), and Glenda Rose (recorder).

Other staff present: Stephanie Williams, Harriet Potosky, Sally Davis, Brian Edwards, Lori-Christina Webb, Sylvia Morrison, Janine Bacquie, and Karen Woodson.

The minutes from March 15, 2011, committee meeting were approved.

Policy KGC, *Child Care*

The committee reviewed Policy KGC, *Child Care*, and the recommendations from staff regarding changes. Noting that the policy was more than 20 years old, it was recommended that the policy be updated to reflect current terminology, reflect MCPS' collaboration within the county, and the MCPS' role in working with child care agencies/organizations. The committee suggested additional changes in language to provide clarity in the policy's language.

ACTION: Staff will make the suggested changes to the policy and bring it back to the committee for additional consideration.

Policy IOD, *Education of English Language Learners*

After tentative action was taken by the Board on March 8, 2011, Policy IOD, *Education of English Language Learners*, was sent out for public comment. The committee reviewed the suggestions received from the six public comments and the recommendations from staff regarding the comments. It was noted that language was added to the policy to reflect the idea that the ESOL program "will be consistent with expectations for all students in MCPS." After a discussion about the commitment of MCPS to ESOL special needs students, it was decided that a qualifying phrase should be added to the policy to reflect the idea that students should receive appropriate instruction regardless of disability.

ACTION: The committee agreed to forward this policy to the Board of Education with a recommendation for final action.

The meeting ended at 3:15 p.m.