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BOARD OF EDUCATION Minutes

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

4:30 PM - Policy Committee Meeting

Harper Creek Administration Building

7454 B Drive North, Battle Creek, MI 49014

- I. Call to Order – The Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM. Present: Dr. Borders, Mrs. Allwardt, Mrs. Waterson, Mr. Ridgeway, and Mrs. Williams.
- II. Discussion
 - A. District Wellness Policy – 5707 – Mr. Ridgeway and the committee discussed the school wellness committee that meets annually in the fall and spring. Mr. Ridgeway discussed the proposed change to policy 5707. The recommended change is to add “Recess will not be taken away for strictly academic reasons”. Mr. Ridgeway discussed that the Principals would like this written into policy for clarification. Next, the committee discussed the promotion of healthy foods and snacks that Mr. Ruemenapp will compile. The policy also promotes classroom activities and using outdoor spaces more. Mr. Ridgeway discussed recess at the middle school, adding more activity into the school day, and outside school hours opportunities for activities. Also, Mr. Ridgeway and the committee discussed having a student voice in promoting healthy eating. Another item discussed was the drinking water management plan (DWMP) which will require all water fixtures to be filtered and tested annually. Each school district must have a plan by January 2025. Lastly, Mr. Ridgeway stated that the committee will take the proposed change to the whole board for the July 2024 meeting.
 - B. Book Review Procedure – Policy 5407 – The committee discussed the Book Review Procedure. The recommended addition to the policy is the building principal will consult with a certified librarian in book review matters. This would be voted on by the whole board at the July 2024 meeting.
 - C. Policy Definition- Mr. Ridgeway and the committee discussed the policy definition.
 - D. The student board member application has been sent to all Juniors for the 2024/2025 school year. At this time no applications have been received. Adding a clear definition for the student board member role is important.
- III. Comments from the Audience - none
- IV. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 PM.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District’s business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.