

REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

The Policy Committee met on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Cincinnati Public Schools Education Center in the Board Office Conference Room.

ATTENDEES

Policy Committee Members

Chairperson Ozie Davis III, Melanie Bates, Pamela Bowers

Administration/Staff

Ashley Addo, Assistant General Counsel; Kathleen Crable, Senior Executive Secretary; Amber Gilliland, General Counsel Intern; Dan Hoying, General Counsel; Lauren Worley, Chief Strategic Communications Engagement Officer

Cincinnati Preschool Promise

Sallie Westheimer, Interim Executive Director

Community Members/Parents

Marlena Brookfield, Trinity Brookfield, Kate Eisenpress

SCPA Alcohol Waiver Request/Cincinnati Opera Performances July 2019

Cincinnati Opera Association (COA) requested use of the facilities of the School for the Creative and Performing Arts from July 6, 2019 through July 14, 2019 to present an Opera, *Ariadne auf Naxos*. COA submitted a waiver request for alcohol use in order to serve beer and wine at these performances on July 6, 11, 13, and 14, 2019.

ACTION: The Committee agreed with the request and will recommended approval of the waiver to the Board at the June 24, 2019 Regular Business meeting.

Discuss Draft of Long-Term Use of District Facilities

As follow-up from the Policy Committee's meeting on May 16, 2019, Dan Hoying, General Counsel, presented a proposed new policy, 7520 – Long-Term Lease of School Facilities. He reported that Ohio Revised Code requires the same process as selling property be followed—getting appraisal of market rent and then offering first to high-performing charter schools. Leases in existence before 2011 can be renewed as they preceded the statute.

The Committee discussed the draft policy and the issues of equity, profit, and needed space.

ACTION: Mr. Hoying will revise the draft policy for discussion at the August 15, 2019 Policy Committee meeting.

Review of Board Policies

The Committee reviewed and agreed with recommended revisions of the following policies and will recommend approval of the documents at a future Regular Business Meeting.

- 5840 – Student Groups
- 5860 – Safety Patrols

- 5880 – Public Performance by Students
- 5895 – Student Employment
- 9111 – Customer Service
- 9120 – Public Information Program
- 9125 – Social Media Policy for District Employees
- 9140 – Parent-Family Engagement

ACTION: Mr. Hoying will follow-up with the Administration regarding procedures for Policy 5840.

ACTION: The Administration will look at how often Back-to-School forms used by the District are requested from parents in order to eliminate some of the duplication—specifically regarding forms for athletics.

Policies for Review (May 16 Finance Committee Meeting)

After review by the Finance Committee at its May 16, 2019 meeting, the following policies were forwarded back to the Policy Committee with the recommendation of no changes. The Office of General Counsel reviewed the policies and agrees that no changes are needed.

- 6621 Change Funds
- 6670 Trust Funds
- 6680 Recognition
- 6700 Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
- 6830 Audit

Transportation Policies – Loren Johnson

The following Transportation Policies will remain on the Policy Committee agenda until Transportation Director Loren Johnson has completed his review of the documents in order for the Committee to discuss.

- Policy 5113 – Inter-District Open Enrollment
- Policy 5120 – Enrollment in Neighborhood Elementary Schools
- Policy 5610.04 – Suspension of Bus Riding/Transportation Privileges
- Policy 8600.02 – Transportation of Students

Review of Criminal Background Checks

A revised draft of Policy 8475 – Procedure for Background Checks for Consultants, Vendors, and Volunteers Not Employed by CPS was presented to the Committee. Mr. Hoying reported that CPS follows the Ohio Department of Education requirements.

The Committee reviewed Policy 3121 – Criminal History Record Check and determined there was some duplication with Policy 8475.

ACTION: The Administration will prepare a draft that combines Policies 3121, 8475 and any other background check policies for discussion at the August 15, 2019 Policy Committee meeting.

Policy 5722 School-Sponsored Publications and Productions

The Committee discussed the Administration’s suggested revisions to the policy regarding free speech of students as well as the rights of the school. In Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier, the Supreme Court recognized that rights of student journalists are not violated when school officials prevent the publication of certain articles in the school newspaper.

ACTION: After a reference to the Supreme Court decision is added to Policy 5722, it will be submitted for approval at a future Regular Business Meeting.

Other Business

Ashley Addo, Assistant General Counsel, updated the Committee on proposed legislative changes to expand the definition of bullying. The Administration will continue to monitor the bill.

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 PM.

Policy Committee

Ozie Davis III, Chair
Melanie Bates
Pamela Bowers

Staff Liaisons

Dan Hoying, General Counsel
Paul McDole, Director, Human Resources, *absent*
Sarah Trimble-Oliver, Chief Information Officer, *absent*