

POLICY COMMITTEE
Minutes of the December 3, 2018 meeting.

**The Policy Committee meeting began at 6:02PM. Attendees:
Chairwoman Judith Bassford, Lawrence Grasso, Frank Kasper and
Fahim Abedrabbo. Mark Tietjen Assistant Superintendent and Mark Gengaro
Administrator also attended.**

DISCUSSION: A discussion was held on the following policies:

1. 8558 Outstanding Food Service Charges (M)

Policy language was revised per legal input. Committee agreed to the language change. Recommendation - Policy will be placed on the December 12 BOE agenda for first reading.

2. 0169.2 Board Member Use Electronic Mail Internet

Policy committee reviewed the final draft of proposed policy. Committee agreed to move policy and placed on the December 12 BOE agenda for reading. **Policy will be placed on the December 12 BOE agenda for first reading.**

3. 0169.02 Board Member Use of Social Networks

A proposed policy received by Strauss Esmay Associates was presented to the Policy Committee for discussion. The proposed policy begins by addressing the school ethics act NJSA 18A:12-21; which is the state mechanism that polices boards of educations. Proposed policy is a duplication of the ethics commission law. Committee decided not to entertain this policy. , all commissioners are strictly bound to ethics. Should anyone think that a member of the board has violated ethics; than that person can file an ethics charge at any time. A request was made for obtain an advisory opinion from the ACLU in reference to this policy infringing on the first amendment rights of board members. Contrary to the perceived perception a board member does not lose their rights as a private citizen just because they are an elected official. Should anyone think that a member of the board has violated ethics; than that person can file an ethics charge at any time. **Recommendation** - The recommendation of policy committee decided not to move this policy forward at this time.

4. 0169.3 Electronic Communication

Policy reviewed and discussed the Use of Paperless Equipment. Timing of this policy is crucial to the implementation of the Board of Education ongoing paperless initiative. Policy is needed to insure the Board of Education addresses liability & compliance and Policy language speaks to distribution and usage by Board members. Committee agreed on name of policy and assigned a policy number; 0169.10. Recommendation - **Policy will be placed on the December 12 BOE agenda.**

5. 6163 Advertising on School Property

Policy was reviewed; committee discussed the need for the policy and chooses the appropriate language. Recommendation - **Policy will be placed on the December 12 BOE agenda for first reading.**

6. 9150 School Visitors

New language was added to paragraph 3 of policy regarding identification requirement. A full discussion of school visitors and the challenges the district faces ensued. Mark Gengaro was present to answer questions, concerns and weigh in process. Due to the sensitive nature of information details and recommendations policy will be discussed at the next executive board security discussion. Recommendation - **Policy will be placed on the December 12 BOE agenda first reading.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark C. Tietjen