Policies and Procedures Subcommittee, Arlington School Committee

School Committee Room – October 28, 2014 –5:30 p.m.

APPROVED Minutes

In Attendance:

Subcommittee Members: Judson L. Pierce-Chair

Jeffrey Thielman

Paul Schlichtman

School Committee Chair: William Hayner

Administration: Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent

Robert Spiegel, Human Resources

Public: Marga Varea

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm.

Public participation –presentation from Ms. Marga Varea, a parent suggesting change to our policy on school entrance age. Currently there is no flexibility in our policy. Four options presented for consideration: No change to existing policy, amend to give some flexibility beyond September 1st birthdays for children entering K, change it for K and 1st, change it just for 1st. Mr. Schlichtman opined that children can change (maturity, cognitive). SC could consider admitting children who complete an accredited private K program into first grade. The trouble is what is an accredited program and wouldn’t that disenfranchise parents who could not afford it. The subcommittee recommended no action.

Mr. Hayner suggested a crafting a policy concerning chain of command, who is leading the district when the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, etc.. are out of town.

The Subcommittee will recommend the following policy revisions, to bring them up to date, to the SC at the next meeting on 11/13/14: EBCD(emergency closings) EBCB (fire drills), EB(safety program). Motions made by Mr. Schlichtman and seconded by Mr. Thielman. Passed 3-0.

Policy revisions on hold for further study include BEDB(Agenda Format and Dissemination), JF(School Admissions)-Dr. Bodie will look into this further and get back to the Subcommittee. GBGB(Staff Personal Security and Safety), EBCC(Bomb Threats)-Mr. Pierce to get further guidance from APD Chief Fred Ryan and Dr. Bodie to speak with the schools resource officer Mr. Steve Porcello, and EBC(Emergency Plans)-Dr. Bodie ask questions of the Head Nurse.

Next meeting will occur on 11/12/14 at 5:30p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Thielman, seconded by Mr. Schlichtman, passed unanimously at 7:12pm.