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Policies and Procedures Minutes 02/15/2012

Policies and Procedures Subcommittee, Arlington School Committee

School Committee Room – February 15, 2012 – 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED Minutes

In Attendance:

Subcommittee Members: Judson L. Pierce-Chair
Jeffrey Thielman
Joseph Curro

School Committee Member: Bill Hayner

Administration: Dr. Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, Dr. Wallis Raemer, Assistant Superintendent (arrived at 5:05p.m.), Mr. Robert Spiegel, Human Resources Director, Ms. Mary Villano, Interim AHS Principal, Linda Hanson, AEA Representative(arrived at 5:35p.m.)

Public: Trish Orlovksy(SEPAC President)

A motion to approve the subcommittee minutes of 2/3/12 made by Mr. Curro, seconded by Mr. Thielman passed unanimously.

Ms. Orlovksy spoke during public participation to request the subcommittee create a policy regarding reading services be provided in IEPs and to discuss extended school year information with parents earlier than is being done currently. The subcommittee was provided with a lot of documentation including policies and procedures promulgated by the DESE regarding extended school year programs and sections of 603 CMR 28:00 pertaining to supplementary aids and services, the responsibilities of school principals and the requisite content of IEPs. The Interim Director of Special Education, Ms. Kathleen Lockyer, emailed the subcommittee to apologize that she could not attend the meeting but urged the subcommittee to take no action on creating a one size fits all policy directing that reading services be provided in IEPs. Dr. Bodie concurred. Ms. Hanson gave further detail about reading support in the district. The Superintendent gave information to the subcommittee concerning how the District is administering extended school year information and that it is better now than it has been. The subcommittee decided it would take no action on crafting a policy on these subjects at this time. Ms. Hanson and Ms. Orlovsky will continue speaking on the issue of reading support being documented.

The subcommittee went over revisions to File HE/HF concerning School Committee Negotiating Agents/Superintendent's Role in Negotiations. This File had its first read by the full School Committee on February 9, 2012. Mr. Curro moved a few changes to the file which Mr. Pierce seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The subcommittee considered revisions to File IJNDC, Internet web page policy, to allow for student photographs on the district website. Mr. Pierce received an email from ASC legal counsel, Attorney Rebecca Bryant, giving suggested language as to the limits of what would be allowable under the law. The subcommittee felt that it did not need to release all that could be released and thus made further limits to the language sent by legal. The subcommittee was provided with Belmont's policy, MASC suggested language, and Winchester's policy. The subcommittee will further review all the suggested language in order to craft a policy that best fits Arlington's needs.

Mr. Curro left the meeting at 6:20 p.m. as he has a conflict regarding revisions to BBBE and the creation of a File BBBE-E, application to fill an unexpired term. Mr. Thielman made a motion to present these revisions to the full School Committee for first read. Motion passed 2-0(Mr. Curro absent).

Tentative next meeting date/time: March 7, 2012 7:30am.

Mr. Pierce moved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Thielman. Motion passed 2-0(Mr. Curro absent).