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Policies and Procedures Minutes 05/22/2007

Arlington School Committee
Policies and Procedures Subcommittee
May 22, 2007
4 PM

Members present:

Ron Spangler, Chair
Jeff Thielman
Sean Garballey
Sue Mazzarella, Arlington Public Schools CFO

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes, March 21, 2007

On a motion by Mr. Garballey, seconded by Mr. Thielman, it was VOTED 2-0, with Mr. Spangler abstaining, to approve the minutes of March 21, 2007.

2. Full Day Kindergarten fee, policy JFABA

Ms. Mazzarella presented proposed changes to the policy to enable spreading payments over ten months, as voted by the full Committee on May 8, 2007, and also to streamline the process of collecting fees. She noted that the proposed fee structure for the 2007-08 school year, which raises the fee to \$1800, maintains the reduced-lunch fee at \$450, which is less than the 30% presently stipulated by policy JFABA.

Mr. Thielman suggested that details of the fee structure and payment plan are not matters of School Committee policy. Mr. Spangler concurred, particularly in regards to the promissory note. Mr. Thielman proposed to have those details be prepared each year by the Administration, for approval by the full Committee.

Mr. Spangler expressed a desire to have the policy explicitly state that families wishing to enroll their children in the half day program for non-financial reasons not be discouraged from doing so.

On a motion by Mr. Thielman, seconded by Mr. Spangler, it was VOTED unanimously to recommend to the full Committee the changes to policy JFABA, as noted in the attachment.

Ms. Mazzarella emphasized the importance of notifying '07-'08 kindergarten families as soon as possible. At tonight's ASC meeting, Mr. Spangler will move to suspend Policy BGB: *Policy Adoption*, to enable adoption without a second reading. If these votes are taken, Mr. Spangler will move that the Committee adopt the 2007-08 fee schedule and payment plan.

3. Sale of advertising

The Subcommittee reviewed policy KHBA: *Display of Signage and Advertising at School Sporting Events*. Mr. Spangler reported that, while this policy appears to permit the sale of advertising on the Peirce Field scoreboard, such activity is in fact prohibited under Arlington's Zoning bylaw, Article 7, Sec. 11 – *Nonaccessory Signs*.

It was not clear to the members of the Subcommittee whether interior advertising, for example at basketball games, would be permitted under the Zoning or general Town bylaws. Mr. Garballey will research this issue and report back to the Subcommittee at its next scheduled meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Thielman, seconded by Mr. Garballey, it was VOTED unanimously to request that the full Committee move to direct the Policies and Procedures subcommittee to work with the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel to draft a Warrant Article to amend the Zoning bylaw to permit the sale and display of advertisements by the School Department on school property.

4. Next meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 4pm

5. Adjourn

On a motion by Mr. Thielman, seconded by Mr. Garballey, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm