

**EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 16, 2022
CARL T. SECOR ADMINISTRATION CENTER & VIA ZOOM—4:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Debbie Kulick.
- II. **Policy Committee Members Present were:** George Andrews, Debbie Kulick, Wayne Rohner and Lisa VanWhy
- III. **School Personnel Present were:** Brian Borosh, Dr. William Riker, Dr. William Vitulli, Debra Wisotsky and Stephen Zall.
- IV. **Members of the Public Present were:**
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE: Motion was made by George Andrews to approve this agenda for May 16, 2022 (page 1), with members of the Committee reserving the right to add to the agenda and take further action as the Committee deems appropriate. Motion was seconded by Lisa VanWhy and carried unanimously, 4-0.

VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE: Motion was made by George Andrews to approve the minutes for April 25, 2022 (pages 1-4). Motion was seconded by Lisa Van Why and carried unanimously 4-0.

VII. **POLICIES FOR DISCUSSION:**

Policies presented by administration-

- a. Policy 202 Attendance Eligibility—Ms. Kulick shared that a new section is being added to page 8 on an ESASD School Personnel Exception. It states “In an effort to recruit, attract, and retain new personnel within the district, the Board has authorized that all non-resident school personnel will have the option of requesting that their child(ren) attend school in the East Stroudsburg Area School District” along with four enrollment-contingent items. Dr. Riker shared that the last two years and on tonight’s Board agenda, the motion has existed to allow this to occur. Prior to Covid, teachers could do this with a tuition cost. Since Covid, the Board has approved, on an annual basis, the elimination of that tuition. This more or less codifies it in a policy that would support that decision, should the Board decide to do so, moving forward. Mrs. VanWhy questioned if we should have language if the separation were mid-year. The committee agreed that if the teacher leaves, the child(ren) go with them regardless. Ms. Kulick added, it might have someone think twice about leaving mid-year. Dr. Riker agreed, it is a good question. We have done that, for example, when a family moves out of the district, especially for our seniors, per policy, they are permitted to complete their senior year here, even if they no longer live in the district. Ms. Kulick suggested that item number four might cover that. Dr. Riker agreed it could apply in certain circumstances, with Superintendent approval.

- b. Policy 220 Student Expression/Dissemination of Non-School Materials (formerly, Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials)—Ms. Kulick noted the change in the policy’s title. Mr. Andrew’s also shared that the revisions are to align the district’s policy with the most recent PSBA policy language. Dr. Riker added that 99.9% of any policy changes we bring to the committee are driven by PSBA. Ms. Kulick stated the addition of, “The Superintendent or designee shall review non-school materials proposed for dissemination and evaluate whether violations of this policy have occurred.” The committee had no concerns with the revised policy.
- c. Policy 227 Controlled Substances—Ms. Kulick shared the addition of new references in the policy, a change from S.A.F.E. Team to S.A.P. Team and addition of language to off-campus activities and anabolic steroids to align with PSBA. The committee had no concerns with the revised policy.

Public Participation: None

VIII. ADVISORY RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE: Motion was made by George Andrews to authorize and direct the administration to post the following item(s) with noted revisions for PUBLIC REVIEW during the month of May and subsequent Board action in June: Policy 202, 220, 227. Motion was seconded by Lisa VanWhy and carried unanimously 4-0.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** 4:41 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE: Motion to adjourn was made by Lisa VanWhy. Motion was seconded by George Andrews and carried unanimously, 4-0.

Next meeting: June 20, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the Carl T. Secor Administration Board Room & via Zoom.

Respectively submitted by,
Debra Wisotsky