POLICY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: February 23, 2021

Place: Virtual Meeting (using Zoom) as permitted by Executive Order 7b

(March 14, 2020) and in person at Havemeyer building

Present: Christina Downey (chair)

Kathleen Stowe

Karen Hirsh

Dr. Toni Jones, Superintendent

Stephanie Cowie, Co-President of GHS PTA (Guest)

Meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m.

Action Items:

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Hirsh and seconded by Ms. Downey. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion to approve the minutes from 12/2/20 was made by Ms. Downey and seconded by Ms. Hirsh. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion to approve the revised minutes from 12/8/20 was made by Ms. Downey and seconded by Ms. Hirsh. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion to approve the minutes from 2/4/21 was made by Ms. Downey and seconded by Ms. Stowe. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion Items:

1. Review of policies with respect to GHS Student Employment Service

The Committee invited Stephanie Cowie, Co-President of GHS PTA, to speak to the Committee regarding GPS Policies that might affect a change in vendors for GHS Student Employment Service. The Committee discussed several policies pertaining to student data privacy and advertising in schools and determined that they would not prevent GHS PTA from changing vendors for GHS Student Employment Service and such a change could be communicated to the community.

2. Policies on Civility and Social Media etiquette by Board members

The Committee discussed the new civility code, Policy 9273, approved and recommended by CABE pertaining to Board of Education members and the CABE suggested Policy 9327.1, Board Member Use of Internet Social Networks. The Committee did not feel any revisions to the draft policies were needed but will review the two options presented by CABE in 9327.1 during PGC's second read at the Committee's next meeting in order to make a recommendation to the Board.

3. Special Education policies for possible update

The Committee discussed Policy 6159, "Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program," and Policy 6171, "Special Education," which need to be revised in order to be in compliance with a new directive from the State Department of Education stating that a student remains eligible for special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) up until their 22nd birthday or until they graduate from high school with a regular high school diploma, whichever occurs first. The Committee will review these for a second read and vote at the next Committee meeting.

4. Policy Crosswalk

The Committee reviewed in detail a number of policies recommended for retirement and discussed policies that should be turned into regulations upon retirement and the method for doing so.

The Committee then discussed the timeline for second reads of the revised Special Education policies, new civility and social media policies and the policies being recommended for retirement and their presentation to the full Board.

5. New business

The Committee did not have any additional new business to discuss.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Stowe and seconded by Ms. Downey. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned 12:46 p.m.

Approved 3/9/2021

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