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Agenda Policy Committee Meeting

September 27, 2023

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in the High School Library

Members Present: James Boglioli, Tricia Andrews, Kristin Overholt, Matt Frahm

Speaker for October 16 Meeting: Tricia Andrews

Discussion Topics and Agenda Items

1) Practices Surrounding Class Rank

- Practice has been changed in many schools across New York State
- Issue has been raised at the last two BOE Student Forums
- Concerns have been voiced about the traditional practice putting unneeded stress and pressure on high achieving students
- Right before COVID, Clarence had a stakeholder group research the issue, conduct a detailed survey, and prepare to make a recommendation to the BOE
- Committee recommends that Matt Frahm and Kristin Overholt present the work from the original stakeholder committee in public session later on this fall

2) Policy #8440: Home Instruction (Home Schooling)

- Several months ago, a parent asked the BOE to review Policy #8440—specifically the section related to the participation of homeschool students in extracurricular activities
- Committee recommends keeping the current policy due to the following concerns:
 - Most districts do not allow homeschool students to participate in extracurricular activities
 - Many extracurricular activities are connected to curricular experiences or only intended for enrolled students (e.g. Student Council)
 - It would be challenging to operationalize given the fact that students would have to be covered by the District's Code of Conduct, health requirements, academic eligibility guidelines, etc.

- Some of the potentially impacted extracurricular activities are competitive in nature (e.g. play; musical). Allowing homeschool students to participate could take away opportunities for enrolled students

3) Policy #4211: Organizational Chart

- Reviewed the existing chart and noting a series of items that need to be updated. For example:
 - Titles: Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, etc.
 - Reporting Structure: Special Education Department to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
 - New Position: Teachers on Special Assignment; 2nd Assistant Director of Special Education, etc.
- Matt Frahm will meet with Rob Michel about updating the chart

4) Policy #5630: Facilities: Inspection, Operation, and Maintenance

- Policy revisions are being recommended in light of recent amendments to various laws and regulations
- Changes deal with items like carbon monoxide detection, lead testing, long-term planning, etc.
- Policy revisions are being recommended for adoption because it involves required changes to an existing policy

5) Policy #7420: Sports and the Athletic Program

- Policy revisions are being recommended in response to the passage of the Dominic Murray Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act
- New policy requires districts to include specific content in permission, consent, or similar forms regarding participation in extracurricular athletics. Revisions also required districts to post identified information on their websites
- Policy revisions are being recommended for adoption because it involves required changes to an existing policy

6) Policy #8240: Instruction in Certain Subjects

- Policy revisions are also being recommended in response to the passage of the Dominic Murray Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act

- New policy requires districts to include specific content in permissions for participation in certain physical activities until cleared by a physician
- Policy revisions are being recommended for adoption because it involves required changes to an existing policy

7) Board Member Handbook

- Matt Frahm will work with Megan Sutton on updating language related to Board Committees using content from the adopted Charters

8) Roundtable

- For the next Policy Committee meeting, members requested discussions regarding the following:
 - Current process/policy for 8th grade students participating on High School athletic teams
 - Weighting of Regents Exam grades in overall course averages
- Matt Frahm will work with Jason Lehmbeck and Ken Smith, respectively, on preparing for agenda items

9) Future Meeting Dates

- Matt Frahm will email the Policy Committee about 4:00 p.m. on either November 1 or 15