

**Draft Pending Committee Approval
Policy Committee Meeting
September 10, 2015
TE Administrative Offices, Room 200
7:00 p.m.**

Attending all or part of the meeting:

Board Committee Members: Kevin Buraks, Chair; Virginia Lastner

Other Board Members: Pete Motel

T/E School District Representatives: Rich Gusick, Mike Kristofco, Wendy Towle, Andrea Chipeco, Mike Szymendera, Jeanne Pocalyko, and Mark Cataldi

Community Members: None

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of June 11, 2015 meeting were approved.

Public Comment: None

Review of Policies for 2nd Reading:

None

Information:

Regulation 5111: Ages of Admission – Kindergarten/First Grade

Revisions were made to this Regulation to reflect current practice and to provide the elementary schools with a new process if a parent/guardian requests early admission to first grade for his/her child in the District. The Regulation will move forward for administrative implementation and posting.

Regulation 5115: School Attendance Areas

The new townhome development in Chesterbrook was added to the New Eagle School attendance area. This revision does not affect any current resident as the townhomes are still in development. The Regulation will move forward for administrative implementation and posting. Once the developer receives approval from the township for official names of the streets, then the Regulation will be updated again.

Follow Up from Previous Policy Committee Meeting:

Policy 4200: Absences and Leaves Due to Illness, Injury and Disability and Regulation 4200: Leave Pursuant to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Changes to the Policy were proposed to include the category of unused sick leave. The title of the Policy and Regulation will be renamed to use the same wording for both. The Policy will be sent to the Board of School Directors for a first reading at their meeting on September 21, 2015.

Policies and Regulations for Review and Discussion:

Policy and Regulation 6138: Nonparticipation in Selected Instruction and State Assessments

This new Policy and Regulation were introduced to establish procedures if a parent or guardian requests to opt-out of selected instruction, such as remediation for state mandated assessments, or the state assessments themselves. It was noted that the School Board has issued prior resolutions against high stakes standardized testing. Discussion followed on state regulations regarding PSSAs and Keystone Exams. The Policy will be sent to the Board of School Directors for a first reading at their meeting on September 21, 2015.

Policy and Regulation 5414: Electronic Communication Devices: Use by Students

The title of this Policy and Regulation was changed to include the word Communication as noted above. Revisions to this Policy and Regulation were proposed to account for implementation of the bring your own device (BYOD) initiative at Conestoga. The definition of electronic communication devices was revised and moved from the Policy to the Regulation. Discussion ensued regarding student use of electronic communication devices before, during and after the school day. Student Network Acceptable Use Agreements (AUAs) for Secondary and Elementary students were added to the Regulations as attachments. The Policy will be sent to the Board of School Directors for a first reading at their meeting on September 21, 2015.

Policy and Regulation 4340: Restrictions on Use of Electronic Communication Devices (Tredyffrin/Easttown School District Employees)

The title of this Policy and Regulation was changed to include the word Communication as noted above and will be further changed to be similar to the title of Policy and Regulation 5414. The definition of electronic communication devices was revised and moved from the Policy to the Regulation. Wording will be added to specify that the only manner in which a cell phone or other electronic device can be used is for making or receiving calls while the vehicle is in motion. The Policy will be sent to the Board of School Directors for a first reading at their meeting on September 21, 2015.

Policy and Regulation 7100: Service Animals in Schools

This new Policy and Regulation were introduced to establish procedures for individuals with disabilities that require the use of a service animal. Discussion ensued about the American With Disabilities Act (ADA) and the appropriate procedures for an individual to utilize a service animal. The Policy and Regulation will be further discussed at the next Policy Committee meeting before it is sent to the Board of School Directors for a first reading.

Policy and Regulation 1300: Volunteers

It was noted that this Policy and Regulation needs to be reexamined due to a change in the law. The Policy and Regulation will be further discussed at the next Policy Committee meeting.

Policy and Regulation 6193: Web Content, Hosting and Maintenance

This Policy and Regulation was tabled until the next Policy Committee meeting.

Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Future Meetings:

Upcoming Policy Committee meetings are scheduled for October 15 and November 12, 2015. Additional committee meetings will be scheduled after School Board reorganization in December 2015. Please visit the District website at www.tesd.net for updated information on Board committee meeting dates, times, locations and agendas. All meetings are held at the Tredyffrin Easttown Administrative Offices, 740 West Valley Road, Suite 1700, in Room 200.