

Brunswick School Board Committee Minutes

Policy Committee

March 5, 2015

Members in attendance: Joy Prescott, William Thompson, Janet Connors

Other Brunswick School Board in attendance: Brenda Clough

School Staff: Paul Austin, Director of Student Services

- The meeting was called to order at 5:57 pm.
- Mr. Austin requested to adjust the agenda by discussing Brunswick Policy IMGGA – Service Animals in School. The committee agreed and added it as the first policy discussion.
- Mr. Austin requested that the committee review Policy IMGGA. Mr. Austin reported that he anticipated at least one request for a service animal in the school system and wanted to be sure that the policy was accurate and up to date. He shared a copy of a sample policy from Maine School Management Association. Although slightly different wording, the two policies were very similar and covered the same material. At this point, no action was taken but Mr. Austin might request that our attorney's review our policy to ensure that it is complete and accurately reflects the intent of the American's with Disabilities Act.
- Ms. Prescott called for the next item on the agenda, which was to update the committee on the actions of the Brunswick School Board Adhoc Committee for Strategic Planning. Ms. Prescott updated the members on the work to date and included a copy of the framework that the committee is recommending as the approach to strategic planning for the school board. Ms. Prescott requested that the Policy Committee bring a request to the school board that would approve the draft of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a facilitator of the strategic planning process. The Policy Committee unanimously agreed to bring that request to the School Board for action at the next stated meeting. The committee also requested that Mr. Austin provide an overview of the policy and proficiency-based education prior to any action on the policy at the next school board meeting.
- The last item on the agenda was Draft revised Policy IKF—Graduation Requirements. The committee reviewed the entire policy and made several changes. After considerable drafting work, Mr. Austin completed the draft and will ready the document for a first read by the School Board for March 11th, 2015.
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Austin, Director of Student Services