

# **Beekmantown Central School District**

## **Policy Committee**

Place: **MS/HS Library**

**December 5, 2012**

### **Minutes**

Called to order – 4:40 PM

Attendees: Eric Anderson, Board Member  
Debbie Passno, Board Member  
Scott Amo, Superintendent of Schools  
Diane Fox, HS Principal  
Roxann Barnes, School Lunch Manager  
Leonard King, Board President

Visitors: Danelle Pelkey and Cyd Deming

1. Charging School Meals (8505) – There was a discussion with Roxann Barnes on the Policy 8505 – Charging School Meals and Policy 8505-R – School Meal Charges Administrative Regulations. Discussion centered around problems with some students having rather large negative balances. After some discussion it was agreed that the recommended changes to these policies be brought before the board for approval.
2. Public Use of School Facilities (1500) – Danelle Pelkey and Cyd Deming wanted to discuss some concerns they have with how Policy 1500 – Public Use of School Facilities is being implemented. The primary concern was why the Booster Club and similar groups such as the BMA, FSO, and PTO are considered Formal groups and therefore have to purchase insurance. In addition, they were concerned about the custodial charges that these groups have to pay for events held on the weekend. Several questions came from this meeting including: Why these groups are considered formal groups? Do we have to require them to carry the insurance? Do we have to charge them for the custodial charges? Debbie Passno and Eric Anderson listened to these concerns and agreed to look into what could be done now that the district is not under a contingency budget.
3. Voting Procedures (2120.2) – Minor edits were recommended to this policy. The Committee agreed to send this to the board for approval.
4. Regular Meeting (2310) – Minor edits were recommended to this policy including allowing for videoconferencing by a board member, in accordance with state law. The Committee agreed to send this to the board for approval.
5. Notice of Meetings (2340) – Minor edits were recommended to this policy including how to give notice if a board member is going to be attending via videoconferencing. The Committee agreed to send this to the board for approval.

6. Agenda Preparation and Dissemination (2342) – Significant changes were recommended to this policy. Including a timeline for when items need to be given to the Superintendent in order to be added to the agenda. Also included a sentence that will specify whether an item is an action, consent, discussion or information item. Finally includes a paragraph that discusses how the agenda and accompanying information will be available to both board members and the public. The only change the Committee recommended was adding in a sentence that if an individual wants a hard copy of a very large file that the individual may have to be charged for it.
7. Interscholastic Athletics Regulation – Athletic Code of Conduct – Rules and Regulations for Participants (5280-R) – The Committee began a review of these regulations including changing it from just Athletic to All Extracurricular activities. The Committee was only able to spend a short time on these regulations, but will devote more time on these regulations at the next Policy Committee Meeting.
8. Question and Answer Policy – Malone School District as a means for community members to submit questions to the board before a meeting and then receive an answer at the next board meeting. Plattsburgh is considering ways to open up more two-way communication between the public and the board. The Policy Committee is going to work on a policy that could allow for more two-way communication between the public and board members. This will be worked on at the next Policy Committee Meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eric Anderson, Board Member