

# QUINCY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

A Policy Subcommittee meeting was held on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 5:00 pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room of the NAGE Building. Present were Mrs. Kathryn Hubley, Ms. Barbara Isola, Mrs. Emily Lebo, Mrs. Anne Mahoney, and Mr. Paul Bregoli, Chair. Also attending were Superintendent Richard DeCristofaro, Assistant Superintendent Colleen Roberts, Mrs. Jane Kisielius, Mrs. Joanne Morrissey, Mrs. Maura Papile, Mr. Sean Greene, Treasurer of the Quincy Education Association, and Ms. Laura Owens, Clerk.

Mr. Bregoli called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

The first item on the agenda was the Revised Wellness Policy, which was referred from the Health, Transportation, and Safety Subcommittee. The Wellness Policy was revised from the last version to give each school's principal discretion in applying a waiver from the Nutritional Standards for up to three school-wide events per year. Mrs. Lebo suggested re-ordering the paragraphs so that the policy reads more fluidly and Mr. Bregoli agreed. Ms. Isola asked for clarification about booster sales and other outside of school hours' event; Mrs. Papile said that the wording gives principals some control over what gets served at after-school events. Ms. Isola questioned why we would want to limit those events. Mrs. Kisielius said it gave the principals latitude to apply the nutritional guidelines should they want to. Mrs. Lebo agreed with Ms. Isola that the suggested sentence could be omitted. Mrs. Lebo suggested replacing the sentence with the following, "These standards do not apply to booster sales, concession stands, and other school-sponsored or school-related fundraisers and events held outside of the regular school day." This sentence will become the second item under Nutritional Standards.

Ms. Isola made a motion to approve the revised Wellness Policy as amended and Mrs. Mahoney seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the ayes have it.

The next item on the agenda was the review of the 2013-2014 School Year Calendar; a draft had been shared with principals, administrative staff, and parent groups. Some parental feedback was received about adjusting the format and a new single-page format was presented. This was reviewed and some additional changes were suggested.

Ms. Isola made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 School Year Calendar as amended and Mrs. Mahoney seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the ayes have it.

The next item on the agenda was a review of the 2013-2014 School Committee meeting calendar.

Ms. Isola made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 School Committee Meeting Calendar as presented and Mrs. Mahoney seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the ayes have it.

The final item on the agenda was a Review of the existing Conflict of Interest Policy, copies of which were provided to the Subcommittee. Mr. Bregoli deferred to Mrs. Mahoney who had moved the item into the Policy Subcommittee for review. Mrs. Mahoney noted that her goal is for the Quincy School Committee policy to reflect the state's legal statutes more specifically as other cities and towns do but that she was not prepared to fully address the topic at this meeting.

Ms. Isola made a motion to defer the Review of Conflict of Interest Policy to the agenda for the February 26, 2013 Policy Subcommittee meeting. Mrs. Mahoney seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Ms. Isola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm. Mrs. Mahoney seconded the motion and on a voice vote, the ayes have it.