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New Business

Board Agenda Review

Discussion

Item 1

1. [NEOLA Policies Update](#)

Attachment: [po5000.pdf](#)

Attachment: [po2000.pdf](#)

Attachment: [po0000.pdf](#)

Attachment: [5000 Part B.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Pat McManus provided a brief update on the Superintendent's Search.

Lori Cunningham questioned the Final ByLaws; the 20 or more changes requested by the Board were not included.

- Tab 3: 0113- the address is incorrect.
- Tab 4: 0123- Item G (standards for boardmanship. Encouraged - in accordance with the Sunshine Law encourage ongoing communications among ~~Board Members~~ the Board, students, staff and the community.
- Tab 5: 0130 - line 9, page 3 of 11 Unless an emergency existadd 's'

Mrs. Cunningham will provide NEOLA staff her manual for the other missing corrections.

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By Laws - 0170 -

Page 2 states that the Board will evaluate how policies have been implemented and their effectiveness. It will rely on such metrics as summaries. Consensus given to change the word 'will' in both first and second sentences to 'may'.

NEOLA suggested that two hard copies of the policy books be maintained (one in the Superintendent's Office and the second in the School Board office) and all others will be on line.

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- 2111/ page 3 of 4

The requirement under Implementation states The Superintendent 'will' provide for a comprehensive plan to engage parents..... and the plan 'will'.....

Wendy Dodge, Legislative Liaison, reported there is a parental involvement requirement in the School Improvement Plans. Mr. Harris commented if there is not a requirement for each school to evaluate their plan's effective, then a policy would not be necessary. Consensus reached to add 'District' to the second sentence...The 'District' plan will provide for annual evaluation....

- 2120 - School Improvement Page 2 of 2

Mr. Harris questioned the identity of 'The Superintendent of Public Instruction'. NEOLA clarified that it refers to the Commissioner. Consensus reached to change the title to Florida Commissioner of Education or designee.

- 2125 - School Advisory Councils
- 2128 - District Advisory Council - (Wilma Ferrer, Senior Director of Assessment and Accountability will review lines 2-7 and line 28 on page 1 and lines 9-13 on page 2.

Also Mr. Harris commented on the minutes of the District Advisory Council meetings being submitted to the School Board. The DAC doesn't meet each month; consensus to remove 'month's meeting.

- 2131 - Educational Outcomes - consensus to address need with staff (Wilma)

NEOLA stated that most districts do not include this section - it is NEOLA's template. It is not required by law.

- 2132 - Educational Process Goals - wait for staff input
- 2205 - Instructional planning - waiting for staff input

NEOLA suggested deleting however, the Board decided to wait for staff input.

- 2210 - Curriculum Development
- 2215 - Program of Instruction - not necessary - waiting for staff input
- 2220 - Adoption of Courses of Study
- 2240 - Controversial Issues - not required by law
- 2250 - Innovative programs - not needed. - waiting for staff input
- 2260 - Non-Discrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity
- 2260.01 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition against Discrimination based on Disability - law
- 2260.02 - NonDiscrimination Grievance Procedure - law
- 2261- Title I Services
- 2261.01 - Parent Participation in Title I Programs - law
- 2261.02 - Title I - Parents' Right to Know
- 2262 - School Age Child Care - not required but Polk County does offer before/after child care at some sites.

Mrs. Sellers is concerned that information under "A" allows 'prior to the creation and approval....members of the community are provided an opportunity to make recommendations on the operation and funding of the program.' Consensus was to remove "A" and change title to Before/After School Care.

Mrs. Sellers questioned the validity of "G".

- 2270 - Religion in the Curriculum - consistent to state and federal law (not required to be a policy)

In line 10: Mrs. Sellers suggested including 'but not limited to those courses contained in the State Course Code Directory.'

- 2271 Postsecondary Enrollment Programs
- 2280 Physical Education - law
- 2330 Homework - not required - giving guidance
- 2340 Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips
- 2370 Educational Options
- 2370.02 - Magnet / Choice Programs/School
 - Mr. Harris commented on the use of public dollars for transportation to magnet/choice schools. Should transportation be in policy? Transportation is not offered to the new academies. Mr. Bridges reported that those schools established to meet the federal requirements of Desegregation should be maintained. The settlement agreement requirements have been met; magnet schools are no longer required. However, if they cease to exist, federal dollars may be in jeopardy. Harrison is a Choice school on Lakeland High School's campus; yet we don't transport Veterinary students which is also a choice program on the same campus.
 - Mrs. Cunningham supports families applying for any magnet/choice school regardless of where they live, if they provide the transportation.
- 2410 - Special Services

- 2411 - Guidance and Counseling - not required by law
- 2412 - Hospital HomeBound Instruction Program - state law
- 2416 - Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information - law
- 2417 - Comprehensive Health Education
- 2421.01 - Students as Trainees
- 2423 - Academies/Small Learning Communities
- 2424 - Student Internships
- 2430 - District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities
- 2430.01 - Community Volunteers
- 2430.03 - Mentoring Program
- 2431 - Interscholastic Athletics
 - page 1, lines 11 and 12...highs schools within the district and a high school in another district...
 - All middle and high schools participating in interscholastic sports shall be members of the FHSAA and governed by its rules and regulations.
- 2431.01 - Participation by Transfer Students
- 2431.03 - Concussions and Head Injuries
- 2432 - Driver Education
- 2440 - Summer School
- 2450 - Adult and Community Education
 - Review with staff before approving (school-age/enrolled students attending adult school?)
- 2451 - Alternative School Plans/Programs
- 2460 - Exceptional Student Education
- 2460.01 - Least Restrictive Environment
 - remove - duplicate of page 2 of 2460.
- 2520 - ~~Selection of~~ Instructional Materials and Equipment
- 2531 - Copyrighted Works
- 2575 - Service Learning
- 2605 - Research and Evaluation
- 2623 - Student Assessment

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- 5111.01 - Children and Youth in Transition (homeless students)
- 5111.02 - Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- 5112 - Entrance Requirements
- 5113 - School of Choice Options Provided by the No Child Left Behind Act
- 5114 - Foreign Students
- 5120 - Assignment within District
- 5130 - Withdrawal from School
- 5136 - Personal Communication Devices
- 5200 - Attendance
 - Mr. Harris and Mr. Mullenax would like further discussions on the withdrawal exit interviews
- 5223 - Absences For Religious Instruction
- 5225 - Absences For Religious Holiday

- 5230 - Late Arrival and Early Dismissal
 - strike in line 8 'of such absences'
- 5320 - Immunization
- 5330 - Use of Medications/Treatments
- 5330.01 - Self-Administered Medication
- 5335 - Care of Students with Chronic Health Conditions
- 5335.01 Diet Modifications
- 5340 - Student Accidents
 - Mr. Harris suggested an employee indemnification be included "Good Samaritan act"
- 5341 - Emergency Medical Authorization
- 5350 - Student Suicide Prevention
- 5410.01 - Promotion, Placement, and Retention
- 5420 - Reporting Student Progress
 - remove 'welfare and' from line 4
- 5421 - Grading - incorporate with 5420 ' line 2.
- 5430 - Class Rank
- 5440 - Student Progress through Mastery Learning
 - choices selected: lines 11-14. Add sentence 'Superintendent shall immediately notify the board in writing of such decision' before the last sentence.
- 5451 Student Recognition
- 5460.01 Graduation Requirements for Out-of-State or Out-of-Country Transfer Students
- 5463 - Credits from Other Schools
- 5464 - Accelerated Graduation Options
- 5465 - General Education Development (GED) tests
- 5500 - Student Conduct
- 5511 - Dress and Grooming -
 - The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to develop, for Board approval, a general dress code, which may include uniforms for students in grades 9-12.
 - Wes Bridges, School Board Attorney, will provide Osceola's policy.
- 5512 - Tobacco-Free Environment

Information

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 PM. Minutes were approved and attested this 9th day of April, 2013.

Hazel Sellers, Board Chair

John A. Stewart, Ed.D., Superintendent