

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, October 10, 2018
Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School-Media Room
6:00 p.m.**

Present: *Matt Ballou, Mark Legere, Miriam Lemire and Superintendent Lane*

The Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

There was no public comment.

By consensus the committee agreed to not have a designated chair. Miriam Lemire will be the primary presenter of information with other committee members giving supplementary information.

Discussion of policy presentation. Referenced Policy **BGB- Policy Adoption**.

The policies will be presented in two stages. Meeting one (first reading), the committee will present the recommendation of the committee. Discussion of the presented policy is recommended at the second meeting (second reading) in order for school board members to have time to get clarification and feedback from the citizenry.

The committee reviewed suggested changes to policies presented on October 9.

Policy **BCA- School Board Member Ethics**

Question was raised as to suggestion of item 12 "Members will not communicate with each other electronically during the meeting". The recollection of Mr. Legere was that a board member indicated that the practice of communicating with other members electronically during a meeting was illegal. The question was raised as to whether it is illegal or an inappropriate practice. The Superintendent will look into that.

Reviewed policy **BBAA- Board Member Authority**, *no changes recommended*.

Reviewed policy **BEDH- Public Participation at Board Meetings**. According to the policy,

1. "The first 15 minutes will be set aside for citizens to address the board. This period may be extended by a majority vote of the board. Speakers will be allotted three minutes per person.
2. Member of the public may offer comments on agenda items only. The board will not entertain comments. Requests to address the board on matters not on the agenda must be presented to the Superintendent and must set forth specifics of the subject to be addressed. When appropriate, the board may place such requests on the agenda."

It was noted in the committee's discussion that the board has not necessarily been following the language in the policy as it is written. It was discussed that a review of the policy at a school board meeting might be in order so that public has an understanding of the procedures in place and how to

present concerns in accordance with the policy as stated. *No changes were recommended to the policy.*

Reviewed policy **BEDG-Minutes**. Confirmed through discussion that minutes needed to be “available” within five business days and non-public minutes within 72 hours after the non-public session. *No changes recommended.*

Reviewed policy **JICI- Weapons on School Property**.

Superintendent brought forward that the current policy does not reflect current RSA on gun possession. Recommended change to first paragraph to read”

“Students are not permitted to be in possession of weapons on school property. Student violations of this policy will result in both school disciplinary action and notification of local law enforcement authorities”

By consensus, the committee recommends the change being brought to the school board for their consideration.

Reviewed policy **BGF- Suspension of Policies**, *no changes recommended.*

Reviewed policy **BEDB- Agenda Preparation and Dissemination**.

It was noted in the conversation that the policy states:

“Items to be placed on the agenda should be received by the Superintendent at least seven days prior to the meeting. Every board member has the right to place items on the agenda. Matters not included in the agenda may be presented during the meeting provided the board agrees to discuss the matter. The board may choose not to deal with every agenda item.”

“Any board member, staff member, student, or citizen of the district may suggest items of business. The inclusion of items suggested by staff members, students or citizens shall be at the discretion of the Board Chairperson.”

The committee discussion included a concern that at times conversations become circular and can be brought up once a decision has been made by the board. *No changes were recommended.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Fowler for Bryan Lane*