

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Policy Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Video Conferencing
November 3, 2020

Board Members in Attendance: President White, Vice President Elliott, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner LeBron, Commissioner Maloy, and Commissioner Powell

Administration and Board Officers in Attendance: Superintendent Myers-Small; State Monitor, Dr. Shelly Jallow; Deputy Superintendent, Genelle Morris; Deputy Superintendent, Melody Martinez; Acting General Counsel Steve Carling; District Clerk Kallia Wade, Board Community Liaison Specialist, Rahimah Wynn; and other Cabinet members.

Parent Representative in Attendance: Joe Di Fiore

The Policy Committee of the Whole convened at 6:14 p.m.

Policy Committee Discussion Topics:

Update on the Code of Conduct (Policy 1400) Review Process

President White introduced Board Community Liaison, Rahimah Wynn, to provide an update on the Code of Conduct subcommittee. The subcommittee continues to meet to review and settle on the proposed recommendations.

Review of new Online Course Credit Policy (Policy 4765)

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Morris completed the first reading of proposed Policy 4765 Online Credit. The Committee discussed the policy adoption process.

Motion by Vice President Elliott to forward Policy 4765 out of the Policy Committee to be considered by the Board as an informational item. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. **Adopted 6-0 with one vacant Board seat.**

Commissioner Powell discussed how to abbreviate the policy adoption process, by circulating the proposed policy as an information item with a cover memo via email. Accelerating the adoption process allows for adoption in the December Business meeting.

Policy Manual Update

President White introduced Rahimah Wynn to discuss the proposed policy manual update process. The proposal is to move the manual update to a subcommittee allowing for a more concise process.

Standing Item: NYSSBA Policy Update

Board Approved 1/5/21

General Counsel Karl Kristoff discussed the NYSSBA Policy Update. NYSSBA has recommended eight policy updates. Mr. Kristoff suggested the Board obtain a copy of the proposed policies to support the development of our Educational Equity policy. The Professional Development policy is optional, but contains required updates. Mr. Kristoff suggested we obtain a copy of this policy as well. Finally, suggested we move forward with the required updates to the records retention policy to allow for the use of the new schedule, LGS-1.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Next monthly Policy Committee Meeting of the Whole: November 3, 2020