

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE**

June 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. with the following committee members and Board staff present: Sharon Cox (chair), Shirley Brandman, Ben Moskowitz, Pat O'Neill, Suzann King (staff assistant), Becky Gibson and Glenda Rose (recorder).

Other staff present: Jerry Weast.

Policy EEA, Student Transportation

At the June 11, 2008, the Policy Committee relocated the statement within the policy and revised it to read:

In exigent circumstances, the superintendent may apply to the Board of Education for a waiver to adjust transported distances. Board action on the waiver request can only be taken following an opportunity for expedited public comment.

Since there was a great deal of misunderstanding by various stakeholders concerning the above revision, the committee refined the statement with staff's concurrence to read:

i) In exigent circumstances, the superintendent may apply to the Board of Education for a waiver to temporarily adjust transported distances. Board action on the waiver request can be taken after allowing at least 21 days for public comment following publication of the waiver request. If the Board deems an emergency exists, this notification provision may be waived without notice if all Board members are present and there is unanimous agreement.

Board of Education Handbook

The committee and staff reviewed pages one through seven of the handbook making editorial changes, deletions, and corrections to comply with law or current practice. Furthermore, language was also modified to clarify the intent regarding board member qualifications, that Board member(s)-elect and student member-elect will be invited to attend all Board meetings, and the process used to fill Board member vacancies. Due to time constraints, the committee did not finish reviewing the handbook, and another meeting was scheduled for June 24, 2008, following the Board's Retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.