

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE**

July 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. with the following Board members and Board staff present: Sharon Cox (chair), Shirley Brandman, Quratul-Ann Malik, Pat O'Neill, Suzann King (staff assistant), and Glenda Rose (recorder).

Other staff present: Stephanie Williams, Harriet Potosky, Lori-Christina Webb, Christina Yuknis, Diane Mohr, Marlene Hartzman, Joe Lavorgna, Erick Lang, and Betsy Brown.

Committee Minutes

Action: The minutes of the June 11, 18 and 24, 2008, meetings were approved, as presented.

Review of Policies for Non-Substantive Revision

Staff stated that the revisions to Policy BMA, *Board of Education Advisory Committees*, included an updated reference to the Code of Maryland and the use of advisory before committees indicating that the committees are not decision makers.

Action: The committee agreed that these changes were non-substantive, and staff was directed to move forward with the revisions.

Review of Policies Recommended for Rescission

The following policies were reviewed by the committee:

- Policy ECK, *Use of Smith Center for Non-MCPS Groups*
- Policy ECL, *Use of School Space by Montgomery College*
- Policy JFB, *Return of Graded Work*

Staff explained that Policies ECK and ECL were regulatory in nature and do not rise to the level of a policy. Discussion focused on the authority of the board, implementation by the superintendent, and the role and responsibility of Interagency Coordinating Board (ICB), partnerships, and memorandums of understanding regarding the use of facilities.

Action: In September, staff will report back to the Policy Committee on Policies ECK and ECL after checking the applicable statutes and designated authority.

Staff assured the committee that Policy JFB has been subsumed into Regulation IKA-RA, *Grading and Reporting*. The committee thought that Policy JFB should not be rescinded until the completion of the regulation. Staff agreed to bring the regulation to the committee with the content of Policy JFB highlighted in Regulation IKA-RA.

Action: In September, staff will bring Regulation IKA-RA to the committee.

Policies / Honors Level Core Courses

As a follow up to the May 14, 2008, committee meeting, staff agreed to audit the core course designations and develop a well-defined process for identification of categories under current policy. In addition, staff would identify policies they believed should be revised, and provide a timeline for that process.

Staff stated that there are several policies that need to be combined, such as the high school framework and graduation requirements. They have been working on a plan and would like to bring recommendations to the committee in September or October.

Action: The committee requested that staff bring a timeline to the meeting in September. Other questions to be answered are: (1) what are the recommended requirements for core courses and honors; (2) what constitutes a core course; and (3) can Policy IGA, *High School Core Courses*, be incorporated with Policy IED, *Framework/Structure of High School Education* and Policy ISA, *High School Graduation Requirements and Waiver of Four-Year Enrollment Requirement for Graduation*?

Committee's Annual Report

The committee reviewed the third draft of its annual report. There was a discussion about the "desired outcomes," and it was agreed to retain the language since each policy calls for a defined outcome.

In discussing feedback, the committee agreed on the wording of "staff will consult with stakeholders and, at appropriate intervals, present feedback to the Policy Committee. The report will be sent to the full Board for review and comments, if any.

The committee reviewed the method of dissemination to the public, and it was agreed to send it electronically and place it on the website.

Work Plan for 2008-09

The committee and staff reviewed the committee's work plan for the 2008-09 school year and developed the following timeframe:

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Month for Review</u>
Policy ABC	December
Policy AEB	September
Policy BBB	October
Policy BLB	October
Policy IGA	
Policy IOA	December

Policy GMB
Policy JFB

October
September

Policy BBB, *Ethics*, will be sent to Board members for comments.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 120.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.