

BOARD POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

June 14, 2018

Ballena Conference Room

2060 Challenger Drive

Alameda, CA 94501

ADOPTED MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING: A Special Meeting of the Board of Education was held on the date and place mentioned above.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM.
- B. MODIFICATION(S) OF THE AGENDA:** There were no modifications to the agenda.
- C. COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1. Introduction of Board Members and Staff:
Board of Education Members present: Gary K. Lym and Jennifer Williams.

AUSD staff members present: Superintendent Sean McPhetridge, General Counsel Chad Pimentel, Chief Academic Officer Steven Fong, Senior Manager of Community Affairs Susan Davis, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Kerri Lonergan, and Administrative Assistant in Educational Services Meira Nalamothu.

- D. BUSINESS:**

- 1. Review and Discuss CSBA Board Policy Updates
 - BP/AR 3515 Campus Security
 - AR 3515.1 Security Camera Operations (proposed)
General Counsel Chad Pimentel discussed the proposed policy and administrative regulation. Staff edited the CSBA proposed policy on this topic to make sure the security cameras were to be used only on the perimeter of the district's properties for the purpose of curtailing graffiti and vandalism incidents that have increased over the last two years. The cameras are intended to protect district assets when staff is not on campus to supervise the campuses.

A Board member asked if the local charter schools have been contacted to see if they would like to have cameras installed.

Mr. Pimentel stated the goal is to have the cameras installed over the summer and reminded the group that the security cameras are part of the language for the Measure I Bond.

The Board directed staff to add this policy to the agenda on June 26th as a Consent Calendar item.

Board members also asked for a further discussion of cameras inside campuses to come to a Board meeting in the fall.

- BP/AR 5132 Dress and Grooming (revised)

Chief Academic Officer Steven Fong gave the subcommittee background information on how each of the secondary schools puts into practice the district's dress code policy. The schools were varied in how they adhere to the policy as written. Lincoln Middle School formed a student and staff group that was instrumental in drafting proposed language that more closely aligns with the district's current practices at the high schools.

Policy language that will remain unchanged includes language prohibiting clothing that promotes drug or alcohol use, violence, pornography, or hate speech.

New policy language includes what students must wear, may wear, and cannot wear. Mr. Fong stated there will need to be substantial training on any new dress code policies so that school site staff is aware of any changes. Mr. Fong introduced a student from Lincoln Middle School who has been a strong voice for change on the Dress Policy Work Group.

A Board member asked what the approach would be to train staff about the new policy language. Mr. Fong stated principals will be presenting information to their staff.

The Board directed staff to add this policy to the agenda on June 26th as a General Business item.

- BP 5145.13 Response to Immigration Enforcement (new)

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General Counsel Chad Pimentel presented the proposed policy for discussion.

The Board directed staff to add this policy to the agenda on June 26th as a Consent Calendar item.

- BP 6154 Homework/Makeup Work (revised)

Steven Fong gave information about transitioning to a changed policy over the next school year. The policy changes will impact lesson planning and staff want to make sure administrators and teachers have enough time to understand the new policy and the implications changes to the policy may bring.

Mr. Fong gave the subcommittee some background information on the work the Homework Group has done throughout the school year. The

proposed policy will cover the entire district, with the goal of making homework practices equitable throughout the district.

One of the new goals for the homework policy would be that homework could improve a student's grade, but not hurt the grade.

Another major change will be that students who miss turning in homework due to an absence will be allowed to turn the assignment in with points taken off that are proportional to the amount of time missed.

The new policy language does not touch on grading of assignments.

Teacher Jennifer Howell is a member of the Homework Group and gave specific examples of how policy changes could improve learning for students.

Superintendent Sean McPhetridge shared that the Jewish Education Round Table was worried about students being given extra time to makeup work missed for religious holidays. Dr. McPhetridge also shared that there is a district in New York that prohibited homework for elementary schools in the whole district.

Staff will give the Board a presentation on this item at the June 26th Board of Education meeting with policy changes not coming until the spring of 2019. Staff will present proposed changes to school staff throughout the start of the 2018-19 school year.

May 2018 CSBA updates recommended for approval (combined in one attachment):

- BP 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities
- E 0420.41 Charter School Oversight - Requirements for Charter Schools
- BP 3514 Environmental Safety
- BP 3514.1 Hazardous Substances
- BP 4158 4258 4358 Employee Security
- BP 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment
- BP 5145.9 Hate-motivated Behavior

Recommendation from Keenan (attachment)

- BP 3320 Claims and Actions Against the District
- Board Policies recommended for deletion (attachment):
- BP 6161.3 Toxic Art Supplies

The Subcommittee gave direction to move the bulk of the CSBA Board Policy updates to the Consent Calendar on the June 26th Board of Education meeting.

E. ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 5:00PM.