

GREENFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
**POLICY AND CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2017**

Present: Subcommittee members Hollins (Chair) and Alexander. Farrell absent. Also present, Superintendent Harper, Assistant Superintendent Pratt, parent, and member of the public.

1. Call to Order at 2:35 p.m.

Policies reviewed today.

BDC Appointed Committee Officials

This policy addresses role of superintendent as clerk to the school committee, not to be confused with the school comm having a recording secretary or the superintendent having district secretarial services. Confusing purpose and wording. Decision to pursue other sample wording. Cross reference to policy on school committee officers. Add sentence: The Superintendent shall assure secretarial services are available to provide for school committee requirements. Any executive secretary in the superintendent's office shall report directly to the superintendent. Confusion about Board Secretary Officer, Recording secretary, functions of clerk, Supt's secretary.

BDF Advisory Committees to the School Committee

Reviewed and revised.

Introductory paragraph: add reference to other additional advisory committees in law.

#1. Move "however"

#5. ...one year unless work of that advisory committee is accomplished prior to one year. An Advisory committee member may be reappointed.

#6. Each advisory committee ... Revised wording of items a, b, c, d, e, and add g.

#7. Add 'advisory' to mention of 'committee'

BID Member compensation and Expenses

Check wording of statute re not stepping into district position from school committee position until one year has passed. Replace first paragraph with Greenfield charter language for submitting bills for payment. Add. "Members of the Greenfield school district, excepting the mayor, may receive an annual salary for their services as provided in the current Greenfield city charter."

BJ School Committee Legislative Program. No change recommended.

BK School Committee Memberships

Add that all institutional memberships shall be budgeted.

Add introductory sentence: "As school committees face increasingly complex challenges, membership in different organizations can be of keen advantage." Reference Budget Policy. Other rewording to leave open which memberships the committee may choose, except committing to the MSBA.

IB Academic Freedom

Rename to Education for a Democracy or Educating for Democracy

Add: human rights and civic responsibility to first sentence. Check statutory references.

#### JC/JCA School Year Calendar

Change calendar review date from May 30<sup>th</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup>. Add statement acknowledging approved exceptions to the 180, 900 or 990 hours.

#### ID School Day

Add to paragraph #1, "...preferably in conjunction with establishing the ensuing year school calendar (policy JC). Adjustments to paragraph #2: Mention that notifying parents is in order to help them with planning, change the 15 min guideline since it isn't accurate, and use "...when students will be admitted to the building and any before and after school options."

#### IE Organization of Instruction

Delete current paragraphs 2 and 6—unnecessary.

Organization is primary K-2, elementary 3-5, middle 6-8, and high 9-12. Mention that organization is for reasons of pedagogy and instructional practice and instructional organization/practice is not dependent on where grades are placed in school buildings. Mention that the sc reserves the right to approve unique schools with a different configuration or pedagogy. Provide statutory references.

#### Continuing agenda for Monday, January 9, 2016

Five instructional policies: IGA, IGB, IHBB, IGBE, IGHB and Innovation Schools, Math Science Program, Physical Education, Recess, Community Use of School Facilities, Revolving Funds.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Will convene again 9:30 a.m. on Monday, January 9, 2017.

S.Hollins