



Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUGUST 8, 2019

Policy/Legislative Committee

The Policy/Legislative Committee met on Thursday, August 1, 2019, to review the 0000 Series and the Regulations Series of the Strauss Esmay Policy Manual and recent legislative developments of interest to the District.

1) Review of the 0000 Series of the Strauss Esmay Policy Manual:

The Committee approved the Strauss Esmay 0000 series (“Board By-Laws”) with revisions to bring them into accordance with current District practice, deleting Policy 0133 as unnecessary and substituting current Policy 9126 for proposed policy 0174.

2) Review of the Regulations Series of the Strauss Esmay Policy Manual:

While Regulations are an Administrative, not a Board prerogative, the Committee recommended for approval those parts of the Strauss Esmay Regulations Series that reflect current District Regulations. The Committee agreed to forward areas of potential concern to Administration.

3) Legislative Update: Governor Murphy signed into law S-692/A-3775, eliminating the Superintendent salary cap. Awaiting the Governor’s signature are S-3160/A-4865 (“Later School Start Time Pilot”) and A-5066/S-3330 (“Child Care Services Pilot Program”), authorizing childcare services at school district facilities for children younger than school age.

The Committee concluded its review of the Strauss Esmay Policy Manual. Strauss Esmay will send the District a revised Policy Manual to be forwarded to the full Board for approval and adoption.

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met on Monday, August 5, 2019 to review the transition of committee leadership, and review and approve curriculum guides for the 2019-2020 school year.

1) Committee Leadership:

The Committee welcomed Dr. Baskerville as its new administrative liaison, and reviewed and discussed his vision for committee goals and practices.

2) Curriculum Design and Integration:

Supervisory staff presented curriculum updates, design, and redesign, for the 2019-2020 school year, with Dr. Ranelli pointing out commonalities in the curriculum design process. The committee discussed integration of curriculum with technology, with emphasis on introducing iPads to students in grades nine and ten, and best uses of Schoology as we move forward. The committee voted to bring all curriculum guides to the August Board Meeting for approval.

3) Student Wellness:

Dr. Ranelli also spoke of the district’s deep commitment to alleviating student anxiety and providing student mental health needs. He provided examples of resources and initiatives to help reduce anxiety and stress in course work and course load.