



Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORTS

MARCH 9, 2017

Policy and Legislative Committee

The Policy and Legislative Committee met on March 2, 2017 to discuss policies under review and legislative updates regarding school funding.

1. The Committee reviewed Special Education Regulations, including a Department of Education memorandum requiring school districts to update special education policies R 2460, P 2460, R 2460.1, R 2460.15, R2460.16, R2460.8, R 2460.9, and P 2467, by May 2017 to comply with federal law. The Committee pre-approved these policies pending Administration's input.
2. Policy 5330.04 Administering Opioid Antidotes - The Committee approved a policy authorizing administration of opioid antidotes in school, under the guidance of the school physician or nurse.
3. Legislative Update –The Committee discussed the Governor's FY 2018 Budget and noted that State aid to school districts will be flat again this year.

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met on March 6, 2017, welcoming Assistant Superintendent Dr. Frank Ranelli as the new committee liaison. Dr. Ranelli has assumed responsibility for curriculum and instruction within the district.

1. Dr. Ranelli offered an overview of goals and challenges in curriculum areas. He stressed welcoming input from all stakeholders and the importance of putting students first, at the top of the leadership pyramid.
2. Challenges discussed included curriculum integration to ensure seamless student transition from year to year, empowering teachers through support and helpful evaluations, and adding “soft skills,” such as job interview and problem solving skills, to what the district offers students.
3. Area supervisors offered overviews of Literacy and Humanities, Physical Education, Mathematics, Visual and Performing Arts, and Instructional Technology.
4. Robert Coleman presented a brief review of preparations for PiscatawayREADS.