



Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUGUST 9, 2018

Policy/Legislative Committee

The Policy Committee met on August 2, 2018 to review pending and new policies and the Strauss Esmay transition:

1. Strauss Esmay transition - The Committee began the review of Strauss Esmay 3000 Series policies covering staff.
2. Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying (HIB) changes - The Committee reviewed Strauss Esmay policy 5512, incorporating the State Board of Education's recent amendments to the Administrative Code affording principals discretion in meeting the statutory definition of HIB.
3. Legislative Update – The committee discussed new legislative developments including: new federal legislation renewing a federal workforce development program, sending \$1.2 billion a year to states with fewer restrictions than in the past; changes to standardized testing requirements under consideration by the State Board of Education; the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act, which could allocate \$1 billion to finance capital projects; and the increase in overall State aid to local school districts, which resulted in additional funding for Piscataway.