

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SCHOOL REFORM COMMISSION
PHILADELPHIA, PA**

APRIL 6, 2017

A policy committee meeting was held by the School Reform Commission on April 6, 2017 in conference room 1080 of the School District of Philadelphia Education Center, 440 North Broad Street.

The meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner McGinley.

Commissioner McGinley made an opening statement where he discussed the purpose of the policy committee and its role in the larger policy review process. He reviewed the objectives of the meeting and the procedures the committee would follow. Each policy under review will have a staff presentation and discussion period. Then there will be thirty-minute comment period for preregistered speakers and, if time allowed, other interested members of the public. The policy committee will take no formal action at these committee meetings. The policy committee will recommend policies only for either public review at the next SRC Action meeting or for further review by District Staff.

Commissioner McGinley invited Naomi Wyatt, Chief of Staff, Office of the Superintendent, to make comments.

Naomi Wyatt thanked Chair Wilkerson and Commissioner McGinley and the members of the District's leadership team for their work on revising and updating the policies on the agenda. Ms. Wyatt noted the following policies listed for future discussion on May 1, have been withdrawn by staff for additional review and will be put forth for public input and consideration by this committee on June 1st: 117, 202, 330, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 702, 705, and 828.

Miles Shore, Interim General Counsel, stated that SRC provided notice of the committee meeting by publication on March 31, 2017 in the *Philadelphia Daily News* and on the school district's website. He noted that the District was making an audio recording of the policy committee meeting.

Members present: Commissioner McGinley (Chair of the Policy Committee, Chair Wilkerson, Naomi Wyatt (designee for the Superintendent) – 3

Members Absent: 0

Commissioner McGinley introduced **Karyn Lynch**, Chief of Student Support Services, who provided an overview of Policy 248: Unlawful Harassment of Students.

Commissioner McGinley introduced **Louis Bellardine**, Chief Talent Officer, who provided an overview on Policy 104: Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices, Policy 317 (NEW): Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures, Policy 317.1 (NEW): Educator Misconduct and Policy 348: Unlawful Harassment of Employees.

Commissioner McGinley introduced **Melanie Harris**, Chief Information Officer, who provided an overview on Policy 815: Acceptable Use of Internet, Technology and Network Resources and Policy 830 (NEW): Breach of Computerized Personal Information.

The Committee Chair opened the meeting to the public for presentation of statements.

The Honorable **Helen Gym**, Philadelphia City Council, commented on Policy 248.

Lisa Haver, commented on meeting procedures and scheduling.

Lynda Rubin, commented on Policy 317.1 and the availability of materials in advance of the meetings.

Commissioner McGinley recommended Policies 104, 305, 313, 334, 801, 814, 815, 822, 830 and 903 move forward to the SRC for a first reading and public review in April and would not be acted upon until May Action Meeting. The committee moved some policies forward with minor language changes after consultation with General Counsel.

Commissioner McGinley recommended Policy 248 317, 317.1, and 348 for additional District action.

Naomi Wyatt provided the agenda for May policy committee meeting. The policies on the agenda for May are 209.1, 304-Employment of District Staff, 607-Tuition Charges for Pupils of Other Districts, 608-Bank Accounts, 609-Investment of District Funds, 819-Suicide Awareness, Prevention, and Response. Policies 702 and 705 were withdrawn.

Commissioner McGinley also noted that Policy 248, 317, 317.1 and 348 will be on the next Policy Committee Meeting agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Commissioner McGinley announced that the next meeting of the School Reform Commission is Monday, May 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Christopher McGinley, Chair
Policy Committee