

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

MAY 1, 2017

A policy committee meeting was held by the School Reform Commission on May 1, 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 reiterating the purpose of the policy committee meetings and the importance of input to the ongoing policy project. He identified the policies on the agenda and the how the meeting would proceed. He indicated that copies of the policies are available at the meeting and in advance of the meeting on the SRC website. Commissioner McGinley explained that the meeting would start with the four policies that were on the agenda in April and recommended for further District action, then staff would present two policies identified by the Committee for discussion.

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 Wyatt noted that staff have withdrawn Policy 819. District Staff had considered changing the policy number, but had decided not to.

Miles Shore, Interim General Counsel, 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 stated he wished to revisit the four policies that were discussed in April but needed further review. He stated those policies were Policy 248, Policy 317, Policy 317.1, and Policy 348. He asked Ms. Wyatt to provide an update on the status of those policies.

Naomi Wyatt discussed Policy 248 and provided further information to the committee.

Naomi Wyatt discussed Policy 317 and 317.1, noting that Staff updated it to reflect procedures that are required by federal, State, or Local laws and regulations.

Naomi Wyatt discussed Policy 348 and explained that staff removed the "guidelines" section and that those procedures will be circulated annually as an administrative regulation.

Commissioner McGinley introduced **Karyn Lynch**, Chief of Student Support Services, who provided an overview of Policy 209.1 (NEW): Fool Allergy Management.

Commissioner McGinley introduced **Louis Bellardine**, Chief Talent Officer, who provided an overview on Policy 916: Volunteers.

Commissioner McGinley stated he had no further questions and the Committee will make recommendations on those policies once they have heard from registered speakers. The meeting was opened to the public for presentation of statements.

Kwan Hopkins, student at Science Leadership Academy, stated he would like it to be policy of the District to have student governments in every high school in Philadelphia.

Lisa Haver commented on meeting procedures and scheduling. Ms. Haver also commented on Policy 916, asking about the certifications/clearances required.

Lynda Rubin commented on Policy 317 and 317.1. She commented on the hearings regarding the dismissal, demotion, or suspension of a District employee for cause and argued that the hearings must be heard by the SRC not by other departments within the District.

Cecelia Thompson commented on Policy 607 and wanted to know if children paying tuition took seats from District students. She commented on Policies 317 and 317.1 and asked about specific procedures and definitions. She commented on Policy 819 and wanted to know about its relation to curriculum.

Commissioner McGinley recommends that Policies 209.1, 317, 317.1 248, 304, 348, 607, 608, 609 and 916 move forward to the SRC. He reminded staff there are some minor language changes that should be made before coming to the SRC.

Chair Wilkerson stated she is also comfortable moving the policies forward.

Commissioner McGinley asked **Naomi Wyatt**, Chief of Staff to review the list of policies on the agenda for the next Policy Committee meeting.

Ms. Wyatt stated the policies up for discussion at the next meeting will be Policies 301: Creating a Position, 302: Employment of Superintendent, 308: Employment Contract/SRC Resolution, 324: Personnel Files, 328: Compensation Plans/Salary Schedules, 602: Budget Planning, 603: Budget Preparation, 604: Budget Adoption, 605: Tax Levy, 606: Tax Collection, 702: Gifts, Grants, and Donations, 705: School Safety, and 828: (NEW) Suspected Financial Misconduct and Dishonesty.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Commissioner McGinley announced that the next meeting of the School Reform Commission is Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Christopher McGinley, Chair
Policy Committee