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

NOVEMBER 2, 2017

A policy committee meeting was held by the School Reform Commission on November 2, 2017 in conference room 1080 of the School District of Philadelphia Education Center, 440 North Broad Street.

The meeting was convened at 10:30 a.m. by Commissioner McGinley.

Commissioner McGinley made an opening statement acknowledging Joyce Wilkerson, Chairwoman of the School Reform Commission was unable to attend the meeting but has reviewed the proposed policies and provided her feedback prior to the meeting. Commissioner McGinley also acknowledged Uri Monson, Chief Financial Officer as the Superintendent's designee for this meeting. He then began identifying the policies on the agenda and the how the meeting would proceed. He noted Policies 104.1, 216, 226, 234, 251, 904, 907, and 913 have been withdrawn by staff. 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 begin with staff presentations of specific changes proposed to the policies that were on the agenda. He also reminded everyone there would be additional opportunities at the next two Action meetings to speak on these policies prior to their adoption.

Commissioner McGinley invited Uri Monson, Chief Financial Officer, to make comments.

Uri Monson thanked Commissioner McGinley and the members of the District's leadership team for their work on revising and updating the policies on the agenda. Mr. Monson also noted staff withdrew eight policies, as they required further review.

Miles Shore Assistant 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), Uri Monson (designee for the Superintendent) – 2

Members Absent: Chairwoman Joyce Wilkerson – 1

Commissioner McGinley introduced **Cheryl Logan**, Chief of Academic Supports, who provided an overview of the changes to Policy 138.

Commissioner McGinley introduced **Karyn Lynch**, Chief of Student Support Services, who provided an overview of the changes to Policies 203.1, 210, 210.1, and 235.

Commissioner McGinley introduced **DawnLynne Kacer**, Executive Director of the Charter Schools Office, who provided an overview of the changes to Policy 406. Ms. Kacer also requested it be put in front of the School Reform Commission for adoption at the November 16, 2017 Action Meeting.

Commissioner McGinley opened the floor to the public for presentation of statements.

James Munnely, an attorney from the Latsha Davis & McKenna Firm representing the Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools, commented on Policy 406 and requested it have additional language added advising charter school operators that it is permissible to file a new application under certain circumstances.

Cheri Micheau commented on Policy 138 and noted there is not yet a vision statement and long-term plan for the implementation of ELD programs as well as an evaluative process for the quality of said programs. She also cited additional concerns with the policy and the overall ELL program throughout the District.

Commissioner McGinley recommends that Policies 203.1, 210, 210.1, 235, 406, 314, 314.1, 323, 610, 611, 612, and 807 move forward to the SRC.

Commissioner McGinley asked **Uri Monson**, Chief Financial Officer to review the list of policies on the agenda for the next Policy Committee meeting.

Mr. Monson stated the list of policies up for discussion at the next meeting would be Policies 212, 216, 218.1, 220, 226, 234, 235.1, 311, 335, 624, 707, 718, 806, 811, and 138. He also stated materials for the December 7th meeting will be posted publically on November 30th.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:19 a.m.

Commissioner McGinley announced that the next Policy Committee meeting of the School Reform Commission is Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

Christopher McGinley, Chair
Policy Committee