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

DECEMBER 7, 2017

A policy committee meeting was held by the School Reform Commission on December 7, 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.

Miles Shore, Interim General Counsel, called the roll and announced that the meeting was being recorded by audio.

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

Members Absent: 0

Commissioner McGinley made an opening statement acknowledging seven policies on the agenda that had been withdrawn by staff. Commissioner McGinley then stated 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 the meeting would begin with staff presentations on three policies. He also reminded everyone there is no formal action taken on policies at the Committee meetings.

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

Naomi Wyatt thanked 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 also noted staff withdrew seven policies, as they required further cross-departmental review.

Commissioner McGinley introduced **Tonya Wolford**, Chief for District Evaluation, Research and Accountability, who provided an overview of the changes to Policy 235.1.

Commissioner McGinley introduced **Peng Chao**, Director of Strategy and Operations for the Charter Schools Office and **Liz Gutman**, Assistant General Counsel, who provided an overview of the changes to Policy 406.

Commissioner McGinley introduced **Karyn Lynch**, Chief of Student Support Services, who provided an overview of the changes to Policy 806.

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

There were ten registered speakers (named below) who came out and spoke about Policy 406, Charter Amendments. Collectively they spoke in opposition to the current policy as it is written and requested it be delayed to allow for additional time to solicit input from Charter School Operators.

Kelly Davenport, CEO-Freire Charter School

Amy Hollister, CEO-Northwood Academies Charter School.

Dr. Naomi Johnson Booker, CEO-Global Leadership Academy

Scott Gordon, CEO-Mastery Charter Schools

Linda Gamble, Secretary of the Board for Russell Byers Charter School

John Swoyer, CEO-MaST Community Charter School

David Hardy, Community Member

Elizabeth Moffett, Community Member

Christopher Johnson, KIPP Philadelphia Schools

Jennifer Faustman, CEO-Belmont Charter Network

Miles Shore acknowledged receipt of written testimony from two individuals.

Cheri Micheau, community member submitted written testimony regarding proposed changes to Policy 138.

Christine Reilly, attorney with Latsha, Davis & McKenna representing the Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools submitted written testimony regarding the proposed amendments to Policy 406.

Commissioner McGinley recommends that Policies 138, 212, 218.1, 235.1, 335, 342, 624, 806 and 811 move forward to the SRC. He further recommended Policy 406 be held for additional at the January Policy Committee meeting.

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 list of policies up for discussion at the next meeting would be Policies 216, 226, 247, 251, 336, 718, 800, 808, 824 and 406. She also stated materials for the January 11th meeting will be posted publically on January 4th.

Commissioner McGinley announced that the next Policy Committee meeting of the School Reform Commission is Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:58 a.m.

Christopher McGinley, Chair
Policy Committee