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Policy Committee
Minutes
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Members in attendance: M. Wintle, R. Basford, Administrator of Special Services S. Shorey, and Superintendent M. Gallagher

Item 1. Policy discussion review of policy 2.06/BE School Board Meetings – The committee suggested one modification to this policy. An “s” was added to the word “Meeting” in number 1. This policy will be considered for adoption at the January 3, 2011 board meeting.

Policy 2.07/BEDB Agenda Preparation, Dissemination and Format – The committee made no additional changes to this policy. It will be considered for adoption at the January 3, 2010 board meeting.

Policy review of policy 11.10/BEHG Public Participation at Board meetings - The committee reviewed the MSMA sample policy in comparison with the current policy. Through discussion the committee opted to use the language from the sample policy and to add language to cover the board meeting booklet provided to the public explaining the process of sharing information with the board. The committee opted not to include the parts of the model policy that were considered to be procedural since the procedural information is included in the booklet. The policy will be presented at the January 3, 2011 board meeting for its first reading.

Policy 2.08/BEDF Voting Method – Because the district’s current policy has information that is specific to the district’s weighted votes, the committee chose to use the first two paragraphs of the MSMA sample policy and keep all but the first two paragraphs of the current policy. The policy will be presented at the January 3, 2011 board meeting for its first reading.

Policy 2.09/BEDG Minutes – The committee reviewed the MSMA sample policy in comparison with the current policy. After review the committee elected to proceed with the MSMA sample policy and added on provisions included in the current policy that

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draft minutes would be provided to the board within one week of the board meeting. The policy will be presented at the January 3, 2011 board meeting for its first reading.

Policy 2.10/BIA New Board Member Orientation - The committee reviewed the MSMA sample policy in comparison with the current policy. After review the committee elected to proceed with the MSMA sample policy since the concepts and much of the language was the same as the current board policy. One word was added to section D of the sample policy as was a policy reference to Board Member Ethics. The list of suggested items to be included in the orientation was omitted. However, the suggested items that were omitted from the policy covers all of the areas that the current orientation offers to board members. The policy will be presented at the January 3, 2011 board meeting for its first reading.

The committee adjourned at 7:05 P.M. and will continue its work on the remaining board governance policies at its upcoming meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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