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Policy Committee

Minutes

1/11/10

Members in attendance: J. Laux, M. Wintle, Special Education Administrator S. Shorey, and Superintendent Gallagher

Item 1. Policy discussion review of policy 6.18, Prevention of Sexual Harassment – the committee made no additional changes to the previous recommendation of deleting policy 6.18 in favor of inserting in its place policy 9.18, which is simply entitled “Harassment”. This policy covers all types of harassment and is inclusive of both student and employee harassment.

Policy 7.01, Negotiation Goals, no additional changes were recommended for this policy, although there was some interest in attempting to combine policies 7.01 with 7.02 and 7.03 in the future.

Policy 7.02, Legal Status, no additional changes were recommended for this policy.

Policy 7.03, Board Negotiations Committee, one modification was made to add the words to the opening sentence “MSAD #53” and the word “directors”. Therefore the opening sentence stem would read “The Chairman of the MSAD #53 Board of Directors shall...”

All of these policies will come before the board at the February board meeting for adoption.

Item 2. Policy discussion review of transitioning from a numbering system to a lettering system following the National School Boards’ Association index for policy labeling - This suggestion was made at the last Policy Committee meeting, and since then Administrative Assistant/Office Manager Carol Anthony has been working to make the transition. However, she questioned where some of the board policies should be placed, so the committee began a review of the work that she had completed and made attempts to identify the correct label to be used for some policies. It is important that all of the policies are placed into the correct sections as well as be identified correctly so that the

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policy references at the bottom of each policy can be modified to reflect the new lettering system. The committee recognized the difficulty in making this transition and believes that the transition needs to occur over a period of time, perhaps up to a year. Superintendent Gallagher and Special Education Administrator Stacy Shorey will complete the review with recommended coding.

Being no further business the committee adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Anthony