

MINUTES
Workshop/Monthly Work Session

MEETING: January 23, 2018

PRESENT: Board Members: Bridget Ziegler, Chair; Jane Goodwin, Vice Chair; Shirley Brown; Caroline Zucker; Eric Robinson; Superintendent Todd Bowden

CALLED TO ORDER: 8:30 a.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Policy 3.90 Review – Charter Schools	Natalie Roca and Art Hardy, along with Mitsi Corcoran’s review of the financial portion of the policy, submitted a draft for Policy 3.90. The District could have a very short policy that just refers to the Statute, but most people come to our policy first instead of reading the Statute. This lengthy policy is our effort to be helpful to the public. Discussion ensued. Further discussion to take place at a future workshop.
Policy Review – Equity	Scott Lempe, Al Harayda, and Art Hardy presented Board Policy 2.72. The Equity Committee discussed possible changes to the current equity procedures to insure that all current employees and applicants feel comfortable filing a complaint. Discussion ensued. Further discussion to take place at the February 20 th workshop.
Policy Review – Process and Schedule	The objective this year is to review every policy of the District. Due to the length of discussion for each policy, a decision was made to have a workshop prior to the evening School Board meeting exclusively on policy review. This workshop will start at 4:00 p.m. A draft of a calendar will be prepared to share with all members.
Accelerated and Rigorous Coursework	Karen Rose, Steve Cantees, and Denise Cantalupo presented a component of the Dashboard which shows middle and high school data for the School Grade. The data provided the last 4 years of high school students and tracking the type of courses they were in, including their senior year. Middle school information was also provided. Discussion ensued. The challenge for this year is to increase the district grade by 11 points. The great work being done in the district causes great optimism for this increase to happen.

Child Care Benefit	Mitsi Corcoran presented information regarding Employee Dependent Care Assistance for all staff. Discussion ensued with the decision that for the remainder of the school year, direction will be given to those principals who have a before/after-care program, that any current existing capacity in the program can be accessed by staff as long as it does not increase the costs. If the program reaches capacity and there is more interest than seats, the priority will go to the staff at that site first. This topic will be revisited during a summer workshop to discuss the impact and make a decision for next school year.
Schools of Excellence	Mitsi Corcoran and Roy Sprinkle presented the Schools of Excellence program to the Board. The reason to discuss the topic is to place this on their radar screen and to be made aware of the program. The parameters of the program and issues the staff is working on impacts the staffing and budget season. Discussion ensued.
Purchasing Approvals	Mitsi Corcoran and Carol Lichon discussed the process of purchasing approvals and that any dollar amount over 'not to exceed' becomes a Board item. Discussion ensued.
Members Comments	Recessed for lunch.
Recessed – Reconvened –	Recessed for lunch at 1:00 p.m. Reconvened at 1:30 p.m. and moved to the Conference Room for the Litigation Meeting (closed to public).
Adjourned	The Monthly Work Session adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

We certify that the foregoing minutes are a true account of the Monthly Work Session held on January 23, 2018 and approved at the regular Board meeting on February 6, 2018.

Secretary
Todd Bowden

Chair
Bridget Ziegler