## LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



# Legislative & Policy Committee Joseph Guzman, Chairman

#### **MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 5:30 p.m.

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Joseph Guzman, Robert DuPree, Priscilla Godfrey, Thomas Reed

Also present: Bob Ohneiser

### A. Old Business

- 1. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>. The Committee reviewed minutes from the meeting held on December 7th. The minutes were approved with no revisions or additions. Approve 4-0-1.
- 2. Policy §8-25, Transfer to Under-Enrolled Schools. Committee amended policy was brought back from the last Committee meeting in order to allow staff's input regarding Section A, Elementary of the policy. The Chairman led a discussion, topics for discussion included:
  - When a transfer decision is being made the difference between elementary schools and high schools are:
    - Elementary Schools are based on a grade-level maximum enrollment and is made year-to-year;
    - High Schools are based on the school's student enrollment and will cover the student's entire tenure at the requested high school.
  - Predicting an elementary school's enrollment is more difficult than predicting a high school's enrollment.
  - A sentence should be added under Section A that states "the approval will be based on not exceeding the grade-level maximum."
  - Middle Schools also need to be addressed in this policy and should resemble the high school language.

**ACTION:** Policy was tabled with Committee changes until next meeting so that staff can develop language that would encompass middle schools under Section B of the policy.

3. Policy §2-33, Naming Rights for School Facilities and Programs. Staff recommended no changes to this policy.

**ACTION:** Committee members voted 4-0-1 (Geurin absent) to send the reaffirmed policy to the School Board as an Information Item.

#### B. New Business

### 4. Equal Opportunity.

a. <u>Policy 3-1</u>. Staff recommended changes to bring this policy in compliance with the Code of Virginia and federal regulations. Committee requested that the code citation be placed on the policy.

**ACTION:** Committee members voted 4-0-1 (Geurin absent) to send staff recommended revisions to the School Board as an Information Item.

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b. <u>Policy 7-1</u>. Staff recommended changes to bring this policy in compliance with the Code of Virginia and federal regulations. Committee requested that the code citation be placed on the policy.

**ACTION:** Committee members voted 4-0-1 (Geurin absent) to send staff recommended revisions to the School Board as an Information Item.

5. <u>Policy 3-2, Sex Discrimination</u>. Staff recommended to reference our Personnel sexual harassment policy in this policy. Committee requested that the federal code citation be placed on this policy.

**ACTION:** Committee members voted 4-0-1 (Geurin absent) to send staff recommended revision to the School Board as an Information Item.

6. **Policy 3-6, Appointment**. Staff recommended changes to add language found in § 22.1-63 of the Code of Virginia.

**ACTION:** None. Policy was tabled so Chairman Guzman could further analyze the language of § 22.1-63.

- 7. Policy 8-32, Weapons. The Chairman led a discussion, topics for discussion included:
  - The Principal's authority as to this policy is to:
    - o determine if the policy has or has not been violated;
    - recommend expulsion for a violation; or
    - recommend a lesser disciplinary action (special circumstances) for a violation.
  - The School Board is the authority to impose the final discipline for this policy.
  - Policy was recently vetted through the Discipline Committee which it added in several places "exceptions".

**ACTION**: None. Policy should be sent back to the Discipline Committee for it to determine if any further amendments are necessary.

**C. General Discussion**. Chairman Guzman directed staff to put together half of the remaining "out of compliance" statutory policies that the Legislative & Policy Committee is responsible for reviewing on its next meeting agenda. It was determined that four (4) of those policies should be sent to the Discipline Committee for review.

Meeting was adjourned.