Seymour Board of Education
POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 16, 2022
Central Office
6:00-6:15 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Champagne
Shannon Levey
Ed Strumello

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Stephan Behuniak
Jay Hatfield

I. CALL TO ORDER
A. Pledge of Allegiance
   Mr. Champagne called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

II. PUBLIC COMMENT
Public Comment provides the opportunity for the public to make a comment. It is not a dialogue between the Board and the public.
Based upon what is heard during Public Comment, the Board may choose to add a topic to the agenda. If questions are posed that the Chairman is able to answer, those questions may be addressed under the Chairman’s Comments portion of the agenda. The Board will not discuss personnel matters. Comments should be respectful and no longer than 3 minutes in length so that all who wish to comment may have the opportunity to do so. All public wanting to comment will need to state their name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.

Mr. Norelle Mascolo, 19 Elaine Drive – Talked about a situation he experienced at CLS regarding his son being sent home due to a COVID exposure. He said his child tested negative but was not allowed back in school. He said they wanted to keep him out until Thursday. Mr. Champagne said we would not create a policy for this as it is ever changing

III. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION
A. Policy #6172.1 Gifted and Talented Programs (Mandated Policy)
   Dr. Compton explained that this is a mandated policy and there are two versions. We need to make sure this policy is in place so we are in compliance. We have some gifted and talented programs in place such as AP courses. She said we need to look at things very carefully. She recommends the committee accept version one to be sent to the full board for approval at the June meeting and adopted at the July meeting. Mr. Strumello said this is a slippery slope and another unfunded mandate.
   MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Ms. Levey) to recommend to the full Board the approval of Policy 6172.2 Gifted and Talented Programs

   AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Levey, Mr. Strumello

B. Public Act 19-12 An Act Concerning the Inclusion of Black and Latino Studies in the Public School Curriculum
   This has been discussed at a prior Board meeting and will be on the July agenda. This is a mandated course. It will be an elective at the high school and it has to be offered. Dr. Compton said most school districts have already passed this course and we need to pass it also as it has to be offered.
IV. INFORMATION
   A. Board of Education
      1. Chairman Comments
         None
      2. Board Member Comments
         None
   B. Superintendent’s Report
      None

V. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Ms. Levey) to adjourn

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Levey, Mr. Strumello
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

SO VOTED

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk