



New Hope-Solebury School District Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2016

7:30PM – Upper Elementary School LGI Room

Attendance

- **School Board** –Adrienne Deussing, Mark Cowell
- **Administration** - Steve Yanni, Suzan Rohn
- **Committee Members** – Drew Giorgi, Meg Thompson, Stan Marcus
- **Presenters** - None
- **Public** – Sarah Bergenfield, Charles Sahner, Mel Band

Mrs. Deussing called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

The minutes from the November 9, 2016 Policy Committee meeting were approved.

Old Business

The committee moved the following Policies forward for board approval at the December 19, 2016 meeting:

- 226—Professional Necessity Leave
- 810.2—Transportation-Audio/Video Recording
- 827—Conflict of Interest

The committee did a first reading of the following policies:

- 255—Gender Expansive and Transgender Students
- 613—Cooperative Purchasing

The committee discussed the idea of holding board members accountable per language in policies. Dr. Yanni, Mr. Cowell, and Mrs. Deussing all explained that policy is based on applicable state law, and there is nothing in the law that provides a vehicle to hold board members accountable for their actions or speech. The committee agreed to investigate ways to enhance the board's code of conduct, via their bylaws, and bring that information back to the January policy meeting.

Public Comment – Public comment was limited to the idea of holding board members accountable via policy language.

Mrs. Deussing adjourned the meeting at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan M. Rohn
Director of Human Resources