# MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2022 MEETING OF THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

August 16, 2022

### 1. Opening Items

#### 1.01 Call to Order

The meeting of the Board Policy Committee was called to order at 2:02 p.m. The meeting was conducted in the Board Room of the Central Administration Building, located at 425 East Ninth Street in Reno, Nevada.

### 1.02 Roll Call

President Angela Taylor and Board Members Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, and Joe Rodriquez, were present. Board Member Beth Smith was delayed and joined virtually after roll call. Superintendent Susan Enfield, Chief General Counsel Neil Rombardo, and staff were also present.

# 2. Items for Presentation, Discussion, and/or Possible Action

# 2.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2022, BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

It was moved by Trustee Joe Rodriquez and seconded by Trustee Ellen Minetto that **the Board Policy Committee approves the agenda as presented.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriquez, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

2.02 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND REVISIONS TO AND/OR FORWARD THE PROPOSED REVISIONS OF BOARD POLICY 7300, RISK MANAGEMENT, SPECIFICALLY TO UPDATE FORMATTING AND CLARIFY LANGUAGE, TO A FUTURE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CONSIDERATION OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Emily Ellison, Chief Human Resources Officer and Brand Perry, Risk Manager presented the proposed revisions of Board Policy 7300, Risk Management. The majority of the revisions were formatting and language clarifications. Trustee Minetto asked if 1(a) asked if the word reasonable was measurable. Discussion was held and Chief General Counsel clarified how reasonable was defined. Ms. Ellison continued explaining changes were made and that a fair amount of research and brainstorming for what it was intended to

mean or how it was related to that particular section and the decision was made to strike the language in the last sentence of 3(c). She continued that in section 4(a) they struck a reference to the risk management safety committee as functions outlined for the committee are duplicative of the work that the Risk Manager and Risk Department are responsible for doing.

President Taylor stated she did not remember having a Board Risk and Safety Committee, which is why they review the board policies, Ms. Ellison agreed saying the last time the committee met was 2015.

Trustee Nicolet stated she liked when they make board policies brief and that it is important from a policy standpoint. She asked to go back to 1(a) for a note of importance where it states that "employees, volunteers, student/student families and visitors are expected to know", because it is important that everyone knows they need to adhere to safe practices.

President Taylor asked for public comment, there was no public comment submitted.

Trustee Church asked about considering changing accident to incident under 1(a) and stated that an accident in his career was an unplanned happening resulting in injury or damage and he provided some examples for his reasoning. President Taylor asked if he was making a recommendation.

Trustee Church made a recommendation to change accident to incident and define incident in definitions. President Taylor asked for comments and Trustee Church asked if legal could speak to it. Mr. Rombardo stated that he can research it, Ms. Ellison offered information about the word choice. She stated that accident captures the intent of mitigating loss through risk management. Trustee Church gave another example for liability with non-accidents.

Trustee Rodriquez asked about employees who travel between schools and if they are covered under an umbrella or is the policy specifically for school district property. Discussion was held between regarding safety and control of the environment as a whole and reviewed the policy to show where the concerns were addressed. Trustee Church stated he respectfully disagreed and shared that he had run into a truancy officer who was alone and questioned if something happed while the truancy officer was alone at a house and an incident happened, he stated the intent is to cover risk management, not risk management on school property. Discussion was held and President Taylor said she understands what Ms. Ellison stated about not wanting the District to be responsible for another place that we cannot control and provided examples. Ms. Ellison stated some of the concerns are addressed in other sections of the policy and pointed out 2(a)(v) states "preventing and controlling risk through training and supervision." She used Mr. Church's example of the truancy officer and said if they identify truancy officers visiting homes

solo as an area of risk, it is incumbent upon the risk manager and risk management department to address those concerns.

Trustee Nicolet stated the discussion showed a need to have a definition for incident for when they get into the nuances and address them in the administrative regulation. President Taylor aske the committee to focus on the wording for on school property and if they want to change that. Trustee Rodriquez said he understood from his career in law enforcement the difference between incident and accident and suggested adding the wording "incidents and/or accidents" to allow the public to have a better understanding.

President Taylor stated the wording on school property was to remain if there was no further discussion. Trustee Church said he disagreed and gave an example of a Board meeting at an off-site location and reiterated that the District does have responsibility for employees or incidents off school property.

President Taylor stated based on the discussion there could be a recommendation to add incidents or incident/accident. Trustee Minetto concurred and stated one of the examples that was brought up involving assault would be a different process and would not include risk management. Ms. Ellison expanded by saying that Risk Management does get involved because of liability and insurance. President Taylor stated this policy is the Risk Management as a whole, but does not mean everything that they are involved in. Mr. Rombardo thanked Trustee Nicolet for providing a site related to work definitions and stated it is interesting that according to that site who drafts policies that incident is something lesser than an accident and stated he did not have a legal opinion and would defer to Risk Management. He also stated that if they wanted to get technical and follow statute they could use "to minimize acts or admissions to students, employees and the general public" and then put a clause, and then look at the purpose statement and say, "unanticipated and unintended losses." Mr. Perry stated there are a lot of different definitions that you can look up, and said accidents defined are an unplanned happening and it is from the perspective of the District. Discussion continued on unplanned act.

It was moved by Trustee Jeff Church and seconded by Trustee Nicolet **to add the word incidents after accidents under safety 1(a).** The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriquez, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

Trustee Church asked if he missed the provision that the Superintendent directs staff to create administrative regulations, Ms. Ellison let him know that has been struck and Mr. Rombardo clarified that unless the Board wants to direct the Superintendent to have specific parts in the regulation, they do not need the language. Trustee Church asked about confidentiality and Ms. Ellison let him know that confidentiality is included in administrative regulations and administrative procedures along with statutes.

Discussion was held about process of an investigation and the difference when Risk Management or another department per NRS handles the investigation.

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Minetto that the Board Policy Committee forward the proposed revisions of Board Policy 7300, Risk Management, to a future regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Consideration of preliminary approval. The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriquez, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

2.03 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND REVISIONS TO AND/OR FORWARD THE PROPOSED REVISIONS OF BOARD POLICY 7400, CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY, SPECIFICALLY TO UPDATE FORMATTING AND CLARIFY LANGUAGE, TO A FUTURE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CONSIDERATION OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Adam Searcy, Chief Operating Officer, and Dr. Jason Geddes, Energy Conservation and Sustainability Manager presented the proposed revisions of Board Policy, 7400, Conservation and Sustainability. The primary changes were clarifying language. Dr. Geddes stated when they adopted this board policy, they convened staff members and conservation groups, and the first attempt was to cover as much as possible in the board policy. He let the Committee know that much of the language that has been struck from the board policy will be moved into administrative regulations.

Trustee Church suggested the words "reasonable" or "reasonably accepts" to be used in the purpose where it states the Board accepts fiscal responsibility. Mr. Rombardo let the committee know that they are the ultimate entity that decides the budget for the school district and therefore, can decide what is reasonable when they vote.

Trustee Adam Mayberry had a question about the curriculum and if it would be a new one that would be introduced in classrooms. Dr. Geddes responded and let him know when the board policy was adopted, they communicated to ask math, science, and English teachers to work it into their curriculum. He let the committee know that some schools have done recycling projects and lighting evaluations.

Trustee Church asked if the Superintendent was comfortable with the wording and Superintendent Dr. Enfield stated that the wording was general enough that she would be comfortable and does not have concerns. President Taylor commented that the Superintendent could collaborate with academics to develop administrative regulations. She asked for public comment, no public comment was submitted.

It was moved by Trustee Church and seconded by Trustee Mayberry **that under number four add the administrative regulations shall include a colon**. The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriquez, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

Trustee Rodriguez asked how schools apply board policy. Dr. Geddes answered and let him know that it is up to the school to develop a specific plan and then their staff is there to help support and implement. Discussion was held on what a school would want or could do based on factors related to their proposed project and studies the department has conducted. President Taylor asked for public comment, no public comment was received.

It was moved by Trustee Mayberry and seconded by Trustee Nicolet that the Board Policy Committee forward the proposed revisions of Board Policy 7400, Conservation and Sustainability, to a future regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Consideration of preliminary approval. The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

2.04 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND REVISIONS TO AND/OR FORWARD THE PROPOSED REVISIONS OF BOARD POLICY 7420, PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTING, SPECIFICALLY TO UPDATE FORMATTING AND CLARIFY LANGUAGE, TO A FUTURE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CONSIDERATION OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Adam Searcy, Chief Operating Officer, and Dr. Jason Geddes, Energy Conservation and Sustainability Manager presented the proposed revisions of Board Policy 7420, Performance-Based Contracting. Mr. Searcy said that this board policy speaks to some of the District's largest initiatives to date. Dr. Geddes provided a history on the adoption of the board policy. He let the committee know that prior to the passage of WC1 they entered into a performance contract for a company to assess and evaluate every school on their energy, water, and waste usage so that they could make recommendations. Once WC1 passed the District began implementing the recommendations and financed with the money from WC1 with the savings going into the general fund. He continued by informing the committee what some of the projects were and the savings are more than two million dollars a year as a result. He said they look at the District every three weeks to evaluate where they can save energy and money.

Dr. Taylor asked for public comment, no public comment was submitted. Dr. Taylor opened for discussion. Trustee Mayberry said he could not believe it has been 20 years since Dr. Geddes was an assemblyman in the legislature.

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Mayberry that the Board Policy Committee forward the proposed revisions of Board Policy 7420, Performance-Based Contracting, to a future regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Consideration of preliminary approval. The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriquez, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

2.05 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND REVISIONS TO AND/OR FORWARD THE PROPOSED REVISIONS OF BOARD POLICY 7450, INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT, SPECIFICALLY TO UPDATE FORMATTING AND CLARIFY LANGUAGE, TO A FUTURE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CONSIDERATION OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Adam Searcy, Chief Operating Officer, presented the proposed revisions of Board Policy 7450, Integrated Pest Management. He let the committee know that in 2019 legislature passed an assembly bill requiring the District to adopt this board policy. He explained the positions that are integral to implementing this board policy and the importance of their training. He said the revisions are to clarify language and have no substantive changes.

President Taylor asked for public comment. No public comment was provided. She opened for discussion. Trustee Church asked for clarification in the definitions. Discussion was held and President Taylor stated that the current definitions states "pests and weeds." Trustee Church was good with the definition listed.

It was moved by Trustee Nicolet and seconded by Trustee Minetto that the Board Policy Committee forward the proposed revisions of Board Policy 7450, Integrated Pest Management, to a future regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Consideration of preliminary approval. The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriquez, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

2.06 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND REVISIONS TO AND/OR FORWARD THE PROPOSED REVISIONS OF BOARD POLICY 7500, TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS, SPECIFICALLY TO UPDATE FORMATTING AND CLARIFY LANGUAGE, TO A FUTURE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CONSIDERATION OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Adam Searcy, Chief Operating Officer, and Scott Lee, Director of Transportation, presented the proposed revisions of Board Policy 7500, Transportation of Students. Mr. Lee said the revisions were to clean up the policy, clarify and remove redundant language.

President Taylor asked for public comment, no public comment was received. She opened for discussion. Trustee Nicolet asked if the current situation with the rotation schedule for buses was addressed in the board policy. Mr. Searcy said it is addressed in the regulations which defines walk zones and exceptions. He also responded that the issue is addressed within section two of the board policy. Mr. Lee also clarified that the language states "may transport," as it is not required in the state of Nevada to transport general education students.

Discussion was held over definitions that are currently listed and if the District still utilize the different vehicles listed. Trustee Mayberry asked why the language about providing student transportation for general education students not being required under state law was being stricken. Mr. Rombardo stated that the District has to do what the law says, and it was stricken due to redundancy.

Trustee Smith joined the meeting virtually at 3:26 PM.

Trustee Mayberry asked about transporting students that are not in their zoned area and gave the example of bussing students to AACT. Discussion was held in relation to his question and the equity of transporting to signature schools. Superintendent Dr. Enfield stated that she does acknowledge the equity concerns and stated it in not for a lack of desire to be able to have transportation to signature schools, it is simply that we do not have the buses or drivers to provide that additional level of transportation and said it is something she has struggled with in every District she has been with.

Trustee Church asked if the committee would want to add to the word "reasonable" number 2(b). Discussion was held to add language because with the bus rotation, they are currently outside of the policy.

It was moved by Trustee Church and seconded by Trustee Nicolet to add the District shall make all reasonable efforts to allocate and assign to the schools the number of school busses sufficient to transport all eligible students to the respective schools, under 2(b). The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriquez, Beth Smith, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

Trustee Church suggested that under 2(a) adding a sentence regarding other options as they arise. He made a recommendation for wording to state "or other options at the discretion of the District. Discussion was held. Mr. Searcy suggested striking the second sentence as that would be better suited in the regulation. Discussion continued to clarify reasoning for striking the second sentence.

It was moved by Trustee Church and seconded by Trustee Rodriguez **that the second sentence in 2(a) be struck from board policy.** The result of the vote was Unanimous:

Pass (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriquez, Beth Smith, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

Trustee Church asked about the language related to discrimination in 1(c). Discussion was held to clarify language.

Trustee Rodriguez asked how many busses are committed to students who are transported to signature schools. Mr. Lee let him know that there are approximately four busses in the morning and seven busses in the afternoon. He stated they are picking the students up at 4 pm after other routes are completed.

Mr. Rombardo asked the committee if they wanted to move forward to clean up the definitions that are listed but not used in the board policy. He asked that the committee pass the board policy forward and legal will work with transportation to clean up the definitions.

It was moved by Trustee Nicolet and seconded by Trustee Mayberry that the definitions be cleaned up to reflect only definitions that are used and are relevant to the policy and those that are not be stricken. The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriquez, Beth Smith, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

President Taylor stated that she was impressed with Transportation and Human Resources on their ability to fill holes in a short amount of time and it has been tremendous work. She discussed the importance of the study Transportation was working on and asked if they had a timeline to implement. Mr. Lee stated there were not able to get it in place before school started. President Taylor asked if Transportation needed anything from the committee to assist. Mr. Searcy said their support and vocalization of needs has been helpful. He said the recruitment program has been incredibly positive, and that they are on schedule as planned for post fall break return to service.

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Minetto that the Board Policy Committee forward the proposed revisions of Board Policy 7500, Transportation of Students, as specified to a future regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Consideration of preliminary approval. The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriquez, Beth Smith, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

2.07 **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND REVISIONS TO AND/OR FORWARD THE PROPOSED REVISIONS OF BOARD POLICY 7505, DISTRICT VEHICLES, SPECIFICALLY TO UPDATE FORMATTING AND CLARIFY LANGUAGE, TO A FUTURE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CONSIDERATION OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)** 

Adam Searcy, Chief Operating Officer, and Scott Lee, Director of Transportation, presented the proposed revisions of Board Policy 7505, District Vehicles. Mr. Lee stated the revisions were mostly cleanup, language referring to transportation of students was removed as it belongs in board policy 7500.

President Taylor asked for any public comment, no public comment was received. She opened for discussion. Trustee Church asked about section 2(d) if committee would want to add words private and or leased/rented to District vehicles. Mr. Searcy said in section 2(h) they talk about the use of private vehicles and are details to be outlined in an administrative regulation. Discussion was held on whether to update the language. Trustee Church made a motion with a second from Trustee Nicolet. Trustee Smith asked for clarification on leased. Trustee Church gave an example of an employee renting a vehicle to go to a conference in Vegas and was involved in an accident, the District would want to have a protocol for how to manage that situation. Discussion was held about the difference between lease and rental. Trustee Taylor asked if they fall under private vehicles, Mr. Rombardo stated they would all be private vehicles. Trustee withdrew the motion. Mr. Rombardo reminded the committee that Mr. Lee pointed out this would fall under the administrative regulation and would be incumbent upon the Superintendent with assistance of Transportation to draft administrative regulations that apply to these different circumstances.

Mr. Searcy pointed out this was covered in section 1(a). Trustee Nicolet asked if this was a board policy for District employees only and if so, consider adding the word employees to section 1(a). Discussion was held. Mr. Rombardo suggested moving the clarification to the purpose to include Trustees, employees, and/or volunteers, then in section 1(b) could state all drivers to replace the word employees. President Taylor suggested wording for the motion and asked for any further discussion on the topic.

It was moved by Trustee Nicolet and seconded by Trustee Smith to change purpose as well as to 1(b) so that Trustees, employees, and volunteers are included in the policy and clarifies that everyone required to operate vehicles is in compliance with law. The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriquez, Beth Smith, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

President Taylor asked if there was any other discussion on changes to board policy 7505. There was no further discussion.

It was moved by Trustee Minetto and seconded by Trustee Mayberry that the Board Policy Committee forward the proposed revisions of Board Policy 7505, District Vehicles, as specified to a future regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Consideration of preliminary approval. The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass

(Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriquez, Beth Smith, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

2.08 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND REVISIONS TO AND/OR FORWARD THE PROPOSED REVISIONS OF BOARD POLICY 7546, SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES, SPECIFICALLY TO UPDATE FORMATTING AND CLARIFY LANGUAGE, TO A FUTURE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CONSIDERATION OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Adam Searcy, Chief Operating Officer, and Shirley Kakousky, Director of Nutrition Services, presented the proposed revisions of Board Policy 7546, School Nutrition Services. Mr. Searcy began letting the committee know this board policy had clean up with language being moved to an administrative regulation. He reminded the committee that Nutrition Services is regulation by the USDA and the state

President Taylor called for a short seven-minute recess. The meeting resumed at 4:14 pm. President Taylor stated Mr. Rombardo needed to attend to another matter and if any legal questions came up, they would need to hold off for a few minutes until he returned. She reopened the agenda item.

Ms. Kakousky mentioned their goal with the changes to the board policy was to streamline the content and language. Superintendent Dr. Enfield had a question as she stated she is a big proponent of children eating and asked about the wording around the breakfast program should be available according to the need and desire of individual schools. She asked if that meant a school who does not have a large concentration of Title I eligibility and not a CEP school, could still provide breakfast. Ms. Kakousky stated she made a good point and there would need to be clarification in the language and added that she too is a huge fan of feeding people. Trustee Minetto suggested removing the word desire. Discussion was held. Mr. Rombardo suggested that the committee move the board policy forward with notation that they will come back and address this issue. President Taylor asked for a motion for the Superintendent and staff to look at section three so that clarification can be made at that point when it moves forward to the Board.

President Taylor asked for any public comment, there was no public comment provided.

It was moved by Trustee Minetto and seconded by Trustee Rodriguez **to direct the Superintendent and staff to review section three for clarification before it goes to the Board of Trustees.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriquez, Beth Smith, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

Ms. Kakousky continued reviewing the changes made to the board policy and reiterated that changes are for clarification, some language moved to regulation and removing language that belongs in and administrative regulation or other board policy. Trustee Rodriguez stated that he and Trustee Mayberry visited Nutrition Services facility and it was phenomenal and they provided over two thousand after school meals to students. He asked if that is covered in the board policy. Ms. Kakousky stated that is relevant to be placed in an administrative regulation and let him know those meals are partnered with the food bank.

Mr. Rombardo suggested wording on the previous motion and asked the committee if it meets their intent to state a school breakfast program shall be available according to the need of the individual schools, a school breakfast program may be available according to the desire of the individual schools. This would mean if it were needed, they get it, if a school desires it, they reach out to the Superintendent who works with Nutrition Services to determine if they get it. Mr. Searcy stated they needed a moment to confirm the current state of practice. He said he liked the wording that school breakfast would be available at all eligible schools.

Trustee Mayberry asked about the nutritional value breakdown and asked if it was noted somewhere. Ms. Kakousky let him know that it is in the wellness board policy and administrative regulation. President Taylor asked for any other changes that need to be discussed, there was none.

It was moved by Trustee Minetto and seconded by Trustee Rodriguez that the Board Policy Committee forward the proposed revisions of Board Policy 7546, School Nutrition, as specified to a future regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Consideration of preliminary approval. The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriquez, Beth Smith, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

2.09 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND REVISIONS TO AND/OR FORWARD THE PROPOSED REVISIONS OF BOARD POLICY 6154, HOMEWORK, SPECIFICALLY TO UPDATE FORMATTING AND CLARIFY LANGUAGE, TO A FUTURE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CONSIDERATION OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Dr. Troy Parks, Chief Academic Officer, Jenni Anderson, Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Director, and Kindra Fox, Secondary Curriculum, and Instruction Director, presented the proposed revisions of Board Policy 6154, Homework. Dr. Parks let them know after they first presented, they had group meetings and discussions to condense and legal helped with clarifying language. He stated that some of the language will be moved to an administrative regulation. Discussion was held on the changes.

President Taylor asked if there was any public comment on this item, none was provided. She thanked them for their work to address the concerns from the committee and the public. Superintendent Dr. Enfield asked how they are ensuring consistency throughout the District.

Trustee Smith said she appreciated the work that was done to the board policy and asked Superintendent and Dr. Parks a couple of questions as she did not see in the policy the ability for site-based decisions on homework. Her second question was about adding something around the choice to assign homework falls within each school site because in reality it does, and she feels that it is important to reinforce on a Board level. Discussion was held. Dr. Parks stated that information should be addressed in an administrative regulation. Superintendent Dr. Enfield asked how they are ensuring through this board policy and administrative regulations consistency throughout the District. President Taylor shared with Dr. Enfield how that was previously discussed and that is how Academics worked through this policy to address the issues through administrative regulations. Trustee Minetto said it can be difficult with parents working so hard to keep housing and asked if there was any data to show homework is good. Dr. Parks answered yes, they have meta-analysis and explained what they learned about the impact that homework had on learning. Ms. Fox let the committee know that one of the items addressed in the administrative regulation is that if you are going to assign homework, they set some boundaries based on past experiences and hearing from families.

Trustee Rodriguez asked again about consistency. The discussion continued. Trustee Nicolet thanked them for their work on the cleanup of the policy and appreciates the result. Superintendent Dr. Enfield discussed her entry plan for the Trustees and the community, she talked about the guiding themes of the three C's. The first C was coherence, meaning they operate as a school system not a collection of individual schools and does not mean they micromanage, but means as a system they are operating in a way that allows for more consistency and predictability regardless of where you go to school. She let the committee know that she is shifting and having the Area Superintendents report to Dr. Parks so they can address these types of issues. She also stated the work that the Area Superintendents do to support the Principals should be grounded and primarily in excellent instruction in our schools.

Trustee Mayberry stated there has been good dialogue and helped bring him clarity for the board policy. Trustee Smith said she appreciates the expertise of the District staff. The changes and discussion alleviated questions and concerns that she had.

President Taylor asked for public comment, none was provided.

It was moved by Trustee Mayberry and seconded by Trustee Nicolet that the Board Policy Committee forward the proposed revisions of Board Policy 6154, Homework, as specified to a future regular meeting of the Board of Trustees

**for Consideration of preliminary approval.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriquez, Beth Smith, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

# 3. Closing Items

### 3.01 **Public Comment**

The Board Policy Committee received comment via email from Mr. Joe Morabito. Mr. Church gave public comment. He discussed the drug policy and about JTNN 2022 Comprehensive Plan and had a three-page handout for the committee to read in case they want to relook at the drug policy they would have some updated stats.

## 3.02 Announcement of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board Policy Committee would take place on Tuesday, September 20, 2022

# 3.03 **Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to come before the members of the Committee, President Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Angela D. Taylor, President