

**Salem Public Schools  
Salem School Committee  
POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2021**

On March 18, 2021 the Policy Subcommittee held its regular meeting using the Zoom on-line meeting platform.

**In Attendance:** Ms. Ana Nuncio and Mr. Manny Cruz

**Ex Officio Members Present:** Mary Manning

**Members Absent:** Mr. James Fleming

**Others in Attendance:** Dr. Stephen Zrike and Dr. Jill Conrad

**Call of Meeting to Order**

Ms. Nuncio called the meeting to order at 8:31 am

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Cruz made a motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2021. Ms. Nuncio seconded. A roll call vote was made.

Mr. Cruz                      Yes

Ms. Nuncio                Yes

Motion carries 2-0

**5102.01 Enrollment of Non-Resident Students/School Choice**

Dr. Conrad explained there are two different things to discuss, Policy 5102.01 Enrollment of Non-Resident Students/School Choice and the annual vote on School Choice. She shared a chart that outlines the number of school choice students from each district and explained there are currently 41 non-resident students that attend Salem Public Schools. There was also a discussion regarding the recommendation for participation for inter-district school choice. The recommendations are as follows: SHS increase to 15 students, NLIS increase to 15 students, Grades 1-8 allow up to 10 students in each grade. Dr. Conrad added that the inter-district school choice students would follow the student assignment policy after the regular school choice application is filled out. Salem residents would receive school assignment priority. If more than the allotted number of open seats apply then a lottery would take place. June 26th will be the deadline for the application.

Dr. Conrad gave an update on enrollment data. She announced that enrollment is down approximately 300 students, which could be in part to the pandemic. She also stated that the outreach letter was sent out and 12 families have requested returning.

Superintendent Zrike entered the meeting at 9:20 am

Dr. Conrad reviewed the conditions for participating in inter-district school choice, which included the application process. In addition, she explained language that states students cannot be denied an

application for school choice based on a record of discipline problems within the resident district. She explained that legal counsel has already reviewed this portion of the policy. Transportation was also discussed regarding possibly providing it for school choice families at a later date. Also, school choice students have the opportunity to participate in afterschool activities and athletics.

The Subcommittee made a decision to meet again on Tuesday, March 23rd at 9:00 am.

Mr. Cruz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 am. Ms. Nuncio seconded. A roll call vote was made.

Mr. Cruz                      Yes

Ms. Nuncio                Yes

Motion carries 2-0

Respectfully submitted by,

*Nancy A. Weiss*

Executive Assistant to the School Committee

**Approved March 23, 2021**