

**Salem Public Schools
Salem School Committee
POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2021**

On March 4, 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. Jill Conrad

Call of Meeting to Order

Ms. Nuncio called the meeting to order at 8:34 am

Ms. Nuncio explained that changes to the Budget Authority Policy were not reflected in the draft presented for first reading at the School Committee meeting. In addition, Mr. Fleming requested that this policy be reviewed by legal counsel. Ms. Nuncio added that Ms. DeLai forwarded the policy to legal yesterday afternoon. Also, Dr. Conrad stated that she will make the necessary changes to the language and transfer amount before presenting this to the next School Committee meeting for second reading.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Nuncio made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2021. Mr. Cruz seconded. A roll call vote was made.

Mr. Cruz Yes

Ms. Nuncio Yes

Motion carries 2-0

5213 Field Trips and Excursions

A change in language is discussed regarding the guidelines and procedures for field trips and excursions. The decision was made to add language regarding accessibility and inclusion. In addition, since a portion of the language is duplicative to the advisory, it is decided to delete it from the policy. Dr. Conrad also presented additional language from another district as alternative language.

Ms. Nuncio made a motion to refer Policy 5213 Field Trips and Excursions for first reading. Mr. Cruz seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Cruz Yes

Ms. Nuncio Yes

Motion carries 2-0

5102.01 Enrollment of Non-Resident Students/School Choice

Dr. Conrad explained the School Choice Policy that is currently in effect. It was discussed to possibly expand School Choice to the middle school, but then was decided to further discuss this with the Superintendent at the next meeting.

5101 School Age and Attendance

It was determined that some language appeared to be out of date. There was a discussion regarding the distinction between excused and unexcused absences. Mr. Cruz brought up that this is part of the Superintendent's goals and asked that this be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.

The Subcommittee made a decision to meet again on Thursday, March 18th at 8:30 am.

Mr. Cruz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 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 18, 2021