

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE**

March 5, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 12:50 p.m. with the following people present: Sharon Cox (chair), Pat O'Neill, Charles Haughey, George Margolies, Glenda Rose (recorder), Harriet Potosky, Edye Miller, Robin Confino, Susan Falkenhan, Judy Lewis, Betsy Brown, Kay Williams, Barbara Haughey, Frank Soo Hoo, Cristina Riva-Chevez, and Lori-Christina Webb.

Policy IKA – Grading and Reporting

The committee reviewed the cover memo that would transmit the policy to the Board for final action. The policy was reexamined for minor editorial changes, and the word “indicators” was replaced with the phrase “expectations outlined in the curriculum.” The operational framework was explained since there was a new column for Final Recommendations for Regulatory Language. The committee discussed interims and informal progress reports, components of a grade, attendance, weight of final exams, and credit for high school courses taken in middle school. The committee members unanimously agreed to the staff recommendations on regulatory language for weight of final exams, attendance, and credit for high school courses taken in middle school. They also added the modifier “frequent” to language on informal progress reports and unanimously agreed to recommend creating a work group to redesign and pilot the report card. Two of three committee members agreed that the weight of the final exam of 30 percent should begin next year for the five subjects covered by Maryland’s high school assessment. The Board will take action on the policy at its March 24, 2003, business meeting. The operational framework will be discussed in order for the Board to endorse and give direction to the superintendent in the development of the regulation.

Policy ACA – Human Relations

The committee considered comments received from the public. One suggestion was to include “genetic status” in the policy, and the committee requested additional information on the term. The committee also requested a minor change to the language as to location of the responsible office.

Policy JNA – Student Out-of-Pocket Expenses

This policy will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be April 9 at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.