

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE**

March 8, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. with the following people present: Sharon Cox (chair), Steve Abrams, Pat O'Neill, Sebastian Johnson, George Margolies, Glenda Rose (recorder).

Staff present: Pat Kelly, Betsy Brown, Robin Confino, Stephanie Williams, Harriet Potosky, Diane Mohr, Jody Leleck, Lori-Christina Webb, Linda Ferrell, Kathy Lazor, Carey Wright, and Gwen Mason.

Community members present: Shirley Brandman.

**Policy JPG – Wellness: Physical and Nutritional Health**

Staff reported that, even though there were a large number of public comments, there were no recommended changes for the policy. The principals' handbook lists food from outside sources, allergies, healthy options, and discourages the use of candy as a reward. Themes in the public comments included – increasing physical activity, nutrition education, the type and quality of food. A committee member asked that a page from the principals' handbook be included with the materials going to the Board. Final adoption of the policy is scheduled for the April 20, 2006, Board meeting.

**Policy IOB – Education of Students with Disabilities**

Staff reported that the policy has been reviewed by the Leadership Team, and there were changes to clarify the language, but not change the spirit of the policy. The changes included: access to general education curriculum, maximum extent possible for extracurricular activities, both general and special education share educating the disabled, identify students in private schools and homeless, and collaborate with other agencies. Tentative approval of the policy is scheduled for the March 27, 2006, Board meeting.

**Policy IEB – Middle School Education**

Staff outlined the initial stages of the reform led by the Steering Committee with Project Teams. The committee thought it was important to fashion a policy that will be the driver for middle school reform. Staff explained the policy, and the committee made several editorial changes for clarification and intent of the Board. The policy will be scheduled for further review at the Policy Committee at a later meeting.

**Update on Policy IKA – Grading and Reporting**

Staff explained the status of the following – elementary school implementation, secondary school implementation, structure of committees, evaluation, grading software, and next steps. An update to the full Board will be scheduled for August or

September.

**Committee Work Plan**

The committee reviewed an updated work plan. In addition to the items listed on the work plan, Mr. Abrams was interested in reviewing the Policy on Gifted and Talented Education.

The next meeting is April 18, 2006, at 3:30 p.m. [subsequently postponed]

1. Review of Policy IFA – *Curriculum*
2. Revision to Policy FFA – *Naming School Facilities*
3. Update on Loss-of-Credit Study

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.