

Minutes

Policy Committee Meeting
Waterford Board of Education
15 Rope Ferry Road
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- Present: Mr. Blevins, Mrs. McCarty
- Absent: Mr. Egan, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Taglianetti
- Staff: Mr. Powers, Assistant Superintendent
- Guests: Mr. Brian Flaherty, Recreation & Parks Director; Ms. Kerry Sullivan, Recreation & Parks Program Coordinator

There was no quorum for the meeting. As such, no motions were made but discussion began at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Powers started off by giving a little history of the Community Use of Schools policy and regulations. They were essentially created in 1983 and have not been changed since then, including the fee structure. The administration's legal counsel has reviewed the policy and regulations. They suggest deleting anything with reference to HIV/AIDS as we have separate policies for this issue. There was a lot of repetition within the policy and regulations, so they have been cleaned up to be clearer.

The discussion centered on two main issues. First, the fee structure was discussed. The Policy Committee will need to decide whether they want to set the fees themselves each year (as with tuition) or if they would like to delegate the responsibility to the Recreation & Parks department. Mr. Blevins and Mrs. McCarty thought it would be beneficial to have Recreation & Parks set the fees since community use monies go into the general government fund. Other fees set by Recreation & Parks go to the RTM for approval, so this would be the same. Mr. Flaherty said his department could look at setting the fees. They would probably start by surveying surrounding towns to get a sense of what others are charging for community use. The second issue focused on who is entitled to use facilities and under what conditions. The language from the current policy does not clearly define a 'group'. The policy also needs further definition on an individual taxpayer's use of facilities (i.e. birthday parties). The policy has confusing language about how many classrooms can be used in each building at one time. The current policy language will be revised for the next meeting and the committee can discuss exactly how the policy should be worded. Ms. Sullivan stated that the Director of Buildings & Grounds and the Buildings & Grounds Supervisor currently get a schedule each week on activities that are scheduled in the buildings. Mr. Powers also suggested that the Recreation & Parks department provide the Board of Education with a monthly schedule that would be added to the consent agenda each meeting.

The next Policy Committee meeting will be on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Louise T. Appleby Room.

The Policy Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Kathleen McCarty
Recording Secretary