AGENDA:

Call to order: 5:17 p.m.

Roll Call: Mark Holden, Gavi Zui-Peres, Kathy Yolish, Darlisa Ritter, Mandy Kilmartin, Deb Keller, Kate Kutash, Carole Pannozzo, Lorraine Rossner, Chris Clouet

Guests: Michelle DeGennaro – BPT-PSS, Tanya Henneghan

Pledge of Allegiance

- Approval of January 15, 2019 meeting minutes 1st motion Kathy Yolish 2nd Mandy Kilmartin – vote - unanimous
- Approval of March 12, 2019 meeting agenda 1st motion Kathy Yolish 2nd Mark Holden – vote - unanimous

Public session: Tanya Henneghan – Kindergarten registration request

This was read to the BOE members present and will be sent to the full BOE –

Dear Board Chairman Holden,

I am appealing to the Board of Education to consider allowing my son, Nile Bazile who will be 5 years old on January 14th, 2020 to enter kindergarten for the fall of 2019. It was brought to my attention by the elementary school that the birthday cut off is January 1, 2020 to be five years old. May I ask that the Board of Education reconsider his opportunity to register? He is a smart, healthy and amicable little boy who is eager to learn and would benefit from being enrolled into school.

I have learned that children who start school early do better long-term academically, socially, emotionally and is overall well-adjusted. Kindly, consider that my son would have missed an opportunity for a lifetime due to a 13 day difference in his date of birth. For the past 3 years, he has been enrolled in daycare where he interacts with other children in a classroom setting. As a result, he has grown accustomed to a learning routine which gives me assurance that he is ready for a more formal school environment.

I would really appreciate your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Tanya M. Henneghan

Agenda Items:

- New BOE Members Handbook – ongoing discussion and compilation
  - Add a “typical” BOE member calendar as an FYI to new and potential members
    - Kate shared an example of a typical calendar
  - Realistically share the role and responsibilities of a BOE members
- Maybe outline basic commitments of committee work and some of the other responsibilities that may be necessary to attend to be a productive BOE members
  - Kathy may want to add a “preface” outlining the duties of a BOE members in greater detail to make the commitment seem less overwhelming
  - Send additional suggestions to Kate if you have any other ideas

- FOI Follow-up & Discussion - Next Steps
  - Darlisa was pleased with the workshop information
  - Some changes have already happened and agendas have been updated
  - It is important to support appropriate protocols that are already established regarding communication
  - Discuss presentation protocols at BOE meetings
  - Add FOI guidelines to the new BOE member packet

**Superintendent’s Comments:**

The policy committee is doing the work of the district and providing for the future BOE members.

**Chairperson’s Comments:**

Policy committee is working hard on the “new member” packet and Kathy and I will work on adding additional components to the packet so that new members will have a good resource of information

**Comments or Suggestions from Committee Members:**

None

**Old Business:**

All old business has been addressed

**New Business:**

None was suggested except to keep the “new member” packet as a continuing agenda item

**Next Meeting Date:**

- Tuesday, April 9, 2019
- 5:00 p.m.
- Training Room - 201
- Central Administrative Offices

**Tentative Agenda:**

- Kindergarten findings regarding early registration
- Ongoing work on “New Member” Packet

**Adjournment:** 6:05 p.m.