SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Date: Friday, June 26, 2015
Time: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Place: Conference Room B

AGENDA

1. Call to order: welcome to members and guests
2. Roll call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public session
5. Approval of Proposed Meeting Minutes 4-7-15
6. Approval of the agenda for 6-26-15
   a. Agenda Items:
      Policy Discussion re: students participating in SPSS school activities who are not SPSS students but attend magnet or charter schools
      SHS Dress Code – revisions, additions, protocol
      Old Business: Policy Review – next steps
7. Next meeting date: Discussion of date and time
8. Adjournment

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Proposed Minutes

Chairman Yolish called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

The following committee members and guests were in attendance:

Kathy Yolish, Arlene Liscinsky, Win Oppel, Freeman Burr, Lorraine Rossner, Kate Kutash, Faith Hack, Ken Saranich, Mark Holden, Tina Henckel, Carole Pannozzo, Anne Gaydos (public), Ken Saranich, and Beth Smith

Member of the Public Present: No one wished to speak

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Kathy asked to approve the meeting minutes of 4/7/15 – Moved by Kate Kutash and seconded by Win Oppel
Kathy asked to approve the meeting agenda of 6/26/15 meeting. Moved by Mark Holden and seconded by Win Oppel

**Agenda Items:**

**Policy Discussion re: Students participating in SPSS school activities that are not SPSS student but attend magnet or charter schools. – B. Smith – SHS**

- Concerns regarding situations where students that are not SHS students request to attend school sponsored activities – issues with liability and with school activities – some protocols (administrative regulations?) must be developed
- CIAC will be contacted for information and protocol re: athletics
- Are there any other protocols that exist in the State
- The real issues are the students that are not enrolled in SHS who participate in the school activities – who is liable for the students and where does our responsibility stop or begin
  - Step 1 – Position Statement from CIAC
    - Beth will request the position statement from CIAC
  - Step 2 - Send statement for legal review
  - Request information from other districts

**SHS Dress Code – revisions, additions, protocol – B. Smith**

- Changes to the SHS Dress Code were passed out to the committee for discussion – draft of changes will be sent for legal review.
- This item will be brought forward at the next BOE Policy Meeting

**BOE Policy Handbook Review**

- Freeman will contact CABE about the status of the Policy Book review

**Next meeting date:**

- Tuesday, July 28, 2015
- 10:00 a.m.
- Conference Room B
- Central Administrative Offices

**Tentative Agenda Items:**

- Possible review of CABE BOE Policy Review
- Continued discussion of CIAC position statement
- Continued discussion of revision of SHS/BOE Dress Code

Meeting was adjourned at 9:54 A.M.
The SHS Handbook states:

**DRESS CODE:** The Board of Education encourages students to maintain good personal hygiene and to dress in clean clothing appropriate to the school situation. Restrictions on freedom of student dress may be applied whenever the modes of dress in question are unsafe either for the student or those around the student, are disruptive of school operations and the education process in general, violate school rules and/or are contrary to law. For health and safety reason shoes must be worn at all times. Skirts and shorts must be of appropriate length. Undergarments must be appropriately covered at all times. **All shirts and blouses must reach the waistline and no midriff is to be exposed.** Halter tops, tube tops, strapless tops, see-through lace tops, spaghetti strap tank tops, **mesh tank tops,** work-out wear, spandex, cut offs (for either sex) and short mini-skirts are not appropriate school attire and will not be allowed. Attire or accessories that depict logos or emblems that represent drugs, alcohol or tobacco are not allowed. No gang symbol of any type may be worn or displayed on school premises or at any school-sponsored activity. Accessories, such as spiked jewelry and long chains, which may be a danger to self or others, are not allowed. Attire that conveys a message which is vulgar or hateful or promotes illegal discrimination is prohibited. Hats, bandanas, sunglasses or headgear of any kind are not allowed. Outerwear must be kept in student’s locker. Students who are in violation of the school dress code must change their clothing and are subject to disciplinary consequences, including being sent home.

**Board of Education Policy 5132 STUDENT DRESS states:** In order to maintain an environment conducive to the educational process, the Board of Education prohibits the following from wear during the academic school day:

a. Coats, jackets or other attire normally worn as outerwear. Outerwear includes: coats, jackets, windbreakers, nylon pullovers, down vests, and other clothing the administration deems inappropriate. Outerwear shall not be worn, carried or kept in the classroom during regular school hours.

b. Head coverings of any kind, including but not limited to scarves, bandannas, masks, headbands covering forehead, visors, kerchiefs, athletic sweatbands, hats, caps or hoods. Approved coverings worn as part of a student's religious practice or belief shall not be prohibited under this policy. Head coverings shall not be worn, carried, hung on belts or around the neck or kept in the classroom during regular school hours.

c. Items a. and b. above must be secured in the student's locker before school starts. Items not stored will be confiscated by Principal or his designee.

d. Footwear which mars floors or is a safety hazard.

e. Sunglasses, whether worn or carried.

f. "Name" or other oversized metal belt buckles and all metal belts or combination of metal and leather belts.

g. Spiked or studded bracelets, oversized or multi-finger rings, belts or any other article of attire with spikes or studs attached, or any other clothing item that may present a safety hazard to the student, other students or staff.

h. Attire or accessories which contain overly offensive or disruptive writing or pictures likely to unduly disrupt the educational environment, or which constitute “fighting words”.

i. Attire or accessories which depict logo or emblems that encourage the use of drugs, tobacco products, or alcoholic beverages.
j. Shirts and/or blouses which reveal the abdomen, chest, or undergarments.
k. See-through clothing, tank tops or sleeveless shirts.

1. Shorts, miniskirts, or pants which reveal the upper thigh or undergarments. Spandex garments are allowed only if they are covered by shorts or skirts.

Students who fail to comply with Board policy and regulations concerning student dress will be subject to school discipline up to and including expulsion in accordance with the Board's policy on student discipline.

STAFF (FACULTY ADVISORY) 6/10/15
Appropriate attire for all school dances, including the prom, includes:
- no open backs or midriffs
- no transparent material
- no side or chest cut-outs
- no front, back or side slits greater than 6 inches above the knee
- no exposed chest

STUDENTS (STUCO OFFICERS) 6/16/15
Appropriate attire for all school dances, including the prom, includes:
- no open midriffs
- no opening below mid-back, must cover lower back
- no transparent material throughout midriff, lower back or lower chest area
- no side, midriff or chest cut-outs
- no front, back or side slits greater than 6 inches above the knee
- no exposed chest

PARENTS (PTSO OFFICERS) 6/22/15
Appropriate attire for all school functions, including, but not limited to all school dances, sports banquets and all club functions includes:
- no open midriffs
- no opening below mid-back, must cover lower back
- no transparent material throughout midriff, lower back or lower chest area
- no side, midriff or chest cut-outs
- no front, back or side slits greater than 6 inches above the knee
- no exposed chest

FINAL STATEMENT
Appropriate attire for all school functions, including, but not limited to all school dances, including the prom, banquets and all club functions includes:
- no open midriffs
- no opening below mid-back, must cover lower back
- no transparent material throughout midriff, lower back or lower chest area
- no side, midriff or chest cut-outs
- no front, back or side slits greater than 6 inches above the knee
- no exposed chest