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Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Andre P. Descoteaux
Vice-Chairperson

Wednesday, March 4, 2020
City Hall – Council Chamber
5:30 p.m.

Hilary Clark
Michael Dillon Jr.
Robert J. Hoey Jr.
Connie A. Martin

Subcommittee Members Present:

Chairperson Jackie Doherty, Mike Dillon Jr. and
Connie Martin

School Committee Members Present:

Andy Descoteaux, Robert Hoey and Hilary Clark

School Department Personnel Present:

Latifah Phillips, Chief Equity & Engagement
Officer
Attorney Michael Ortiz, Staff Counsel

Chairperson Doherty called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. The following agenda item was discussed:

1. Policy on Students Who Become Non-Residents of Lowell During the School Year

Ms. Doherty asked Ms. Phillips to address the Subcommittee. Ms. Phillips spoke about the proposed policy and informed them that this policy will only be offered to high school seniors. The policy allows the Superintendent to make the final decision if the student is to remain enrolled at Lowell High School for the remainder of the school year if the student moves before the end of the school year. She also stated that the policy has been revised based on feedback she has received. The version online states that if the student has moved after the first marking period they may be allowed to remain enrolled and that language has been deleted and the new language is that a student starting at the beginning of the school year may be allowed to remain enrolled.

Ms. Martin asked if there is an impact on any sports participation etc. in terms of not being able to play on a sports team.

Mr. Dillion stated that if the school rules a student could play the MIAA generally adheres to the school rules and the student could live out of town.

Mr. Ortiz stated that he believed Mr. Dillon was correct that the MIAA would follow the district's decision similar to school choice (Chapter 75, section 5).

Mr. Dillon asked why the date was pushed back.

Ms. Phillips stated that it would be best to begin at the beginning of the school year as not to conflict with marking periods of other districts.

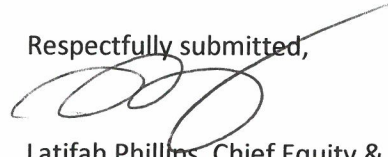
Mr. Doherty asked if we would still get the funds even if the student left.

Mr. Ortiz stated that is correct, because they fall into our count after October 1st.

Ms. Martin made a motion to accept the new policy recommendation; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 3 yeas APPROVED

Ms. Martin made a motion to adjourn at 5:47 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 3 yeas APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,



Latifah Phillips, Chief Equity &
Engagement Officer for Dr. Joel Boyd,
Superintendent and Secretary, Lowell
School Committee

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