

**Fairbanks North Star Borough School District**  
*Policy Review Committee*

Thursday, October 8, 2015  
5:00 – 6:30 P.M.

Room 426 - Administrative Center

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to order**

Sue Hull called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**II. Roll call**

Present:	Sue Hull	Randy Pitney	Maureen Meeks
	Scott Calder	Connie Clooten	Ricky Burroughs

Absent	Brooke Haley	Troy Lumpkin
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**III. Adoption of agenda**

Mr. Calder motioned to adopt the agenda.  
Ms. Meeks seconded the motion.  
Agenda adopted without amendments.

**IV. Approval of minutes from the September 21, 2015 meeting**

Mr. Calder motioned to adopt the minutes.  
Ms. Meeks seconded the motion.

Mr. Burroughs name should be corrected to “Ricky Burroughs”. All references to his name should be corrected.

Agenda adopted with no objections.

**V. Public Comment**

No public comments.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. School Board Policy 811 *Employee and Volunteer Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication***



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Assistant Superintendent Schmidt summarized the attorney's comments about this draft policy. There is concern that the policy is too generic and does not make a statement of the district's stand on the topic of electronic and social media. It may be better to not have a policy than the current proposed one that does not present a clear purpose.

Based on these comments, the Committee decided to put this proposed policy on hold until a new one can be drafted by the Administration. PRC will review the draft at a later meeting.

Suggestions were made to look at other district in the State and see if they have policies that could be used as examples.

Mr. Calder motioned to postpone this agenda item till a later meeting when there is a new draft to review.

Ms. Meeks seconded the motion.

Motion approved with no objections.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. School Board Policy 985.4 (New) *Graduation Attire***

This would be a new policy. The current practice is that principals make the decisions on graduation attire and any exceptions requested by students and families. In spring 2015, there was a student and her family who bypassed the school principal and went to the Board to ask for permission to wear Native regalia at her graduation. The Board sent the decision back to the school principal.

Assistant Schmidt read Policy 985 Commencement Ceremony Participation for reference and discussion.

PRC members asked Assistant Superintendent Schmidt if the current practice has been working and what the principals' want. Mr. Schmidt reported that principals would like the current practice to remain unchanged to allow them to make decisions about graduation attire. PRC was concerned on how to develop a policy that would address all attire exceptions and the effectiveness of such a policy.

Mr. Schmidt recommended that instead of a policy, an administration regulation (AR) be developed to deal with graduation attire. The AR would explicitly state that the principal will make the decision about graduation and any exceptions that may be allowed

## **VIII. Comments/Announcements/Other**



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**IX. Adjourn**

Sue Hull adjourned the meeting.



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