

Scotland Board of Education  
Policy Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 29, 2019, 5:30 p.m. p.m.  
Superintendent's Office

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Attendance: Mr. Kurcinik, Mr. Perry, Dr. Baran, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Sears

3. Policy 1330 Community Use of School Facilities

- Mr. Kurcinik made the following comments:
  - He commented on the damage done to the gym facility in the past
  - We need to get the cost for setting up the security system to isolate the gymnasium
  - If a custodian is not present someone from the school will have to do an inspection early on Monday
  - It should always be school first, Town second and community third
  - The Recreation department is a part of the town
  - He wants the gym facility maintained for years to come
  - He felt strongly that it needs to be determined a specific person who will have the pass card and code to the system
  - Someone at the school will have to maintain a record of who has the pass cards and code to the system – this list would have to be included in the all hazards security plan
- Mr. Perry made the following comments:
  - We would be able to provide greater access to the gymnasium on Saturdays
  - Weekdays does not appear to be a problem
  - He wanted to know if the pass card can be programed only for specific days requested by the group (as opposed to general access)
  - Dr. Baran brought up the point that the gymnasium can be divided for multiple group use
  - Mr. Perry felt that the pass card and code needed to be assigned to a specific person
  - Dr. Baran mentioned that Greg Gaudreau, head custodian, felt a schedule could be worked out with the custodial staff for Saturday coverage
- Mr. Martin made the following comments:
  - He took exception to Mr. Kurcinik's comment regarding BOE control of the facility – Mr. Martin stated that access to the building was voted on by the town
  - He commented on access to PHHS
  - He felt that having to call be 2 p.m. was not reasonable
  - The Recreation department should have access to the gymnasium
  - He does not feel that a custodian has to be present
  - He felt the question as to how many people have a pass card and code to the system is negotiable.

- Mrs. Sears:
  - Wanted to be sure about an alarm going off if people left the gymnasium area / she suggested the use of signs
- Mr. Martin does not see the need to have a custodian on duty

A discussion was held regarding who should have access to the facility.

- Mr. Martin discussed the types of activities to be conducted in the gymnasium. He also asked the question “Whose policy was it not to allow Friday use of the gymnasium?”
- Mr. Kurcinik asked if people were now talking about use of the facility beyond the gymnasium.
- Mrs. Sears described activities Friends of SES were able to use the facility for in the past.
- Mr. Kurcinik asked what other areas of the building people were talking about.
- Mrs. Murray elaborated on her concerns:
  - Commented about the quality of the school’s gymnasium
  - She is sick and tired of hearing that Scotland does not play nice
  - She also elaborated on her concerns/desires for use of the building
- Mrs. Sears added to Mrs. Murray’s desires for use of the school facility

The question was asked “Can the cafeteria be zoned off?”

- Mrs. Sears asked to clarify Superintendent’s discretions aspect.
  - Mr. Perry gave example of hitting golf balls in the gymnasium
  - Mrs. Sears asked if the Superintendent’s decision can be appealed to the BOE.
  - Mrs. Murray stated that she has never seen the building use application before.
4. The next policy committee meeting will be on July 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the superintendent’s office.
  5. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.