

Present: Court Booth, Tracey Marano, Eva Mostoufi, Laurie Hunter, Jared Stanton, Ian Rhames, Dorothy Presser

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Booth called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Roll call attendance was taken: Booth, aye; Marano, aye
2. **Vote to Approve Minutes** – Approval of the 2.9.21 minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

3. **Policies Reviewed:**

File KF-R – Community Use Regulations and Fees. Mr. Booth stated that Dr. Hunter has recommended that, due to some confusion and conflict with consideration of the facility fee, the fees be brought forward to the entire School Committee on March 8th. He stated that the original rationale in looking at the fees was 1) that they were last reviewed in 2009 2) cost recovery so that the school district would not knowingly or unknowingly support private profit with public expense and 3) to align the fees with other districts. Mr. Booth stated that idea of fee generation relative to the overall budgets that Dr. Hunter had noted is a new part of the conversation, noting that he doesn't think any school committee member ever referenced or alluded to this and the policy was never intended to have revenue generation goals.

Regarding Mr. Booth's request for past rental invoices, Dr. Hunter stated that she was unsure of the benefit of rehashing the historic invoicing and processes. She stated that she feels this is about going forward and managing the process, making sure that the school facilities that the community has fiscally supported are accessible to them and that the options are not outpriced. She suggested that they look at Concord Recreation's fees to ensure the districts fees were aligned with the towns.

Ms. Marano asked Ms. Presser about her experience with this policy and Ms. Presser stated that she has not seen this level of discussion at the school committee or policy subcommittee level with this policy. Ms. Presser stated that the idea of facility use fees is to make sure tax payers are not footing things that are not intended to be footed in the school budget, noting that in general, is to ensure the cost of the use of the facilities is covered. Ms. Mostoufi noted that when the fee conversation first began, it initially centered on raising additional funds for the schools. She noted that groups are upset with the proposed fee increases because these groups are raising money and putting money into bettering the sports facilities for our kids.

Ms. Marano shared the data she compiled from researching other districts fees, noting that the proposed fees are much higher than the majority of districts she looked at. She shared the 1) current proposal, 2) fees with Concord Recreation fee structure blended in and 3) fees with Concord Recreation's 4 classes of users.

Ms. Presser suggested taking a step back from the details of the fees and thinking about the purpose of the fees. After discussion, members agreed that Mr. Booth would compile 1) a list of questions for reaffirming the purpose of the policy as well as 2) all of the data that has been compiled, and bring these to the entire SC.

The Policy Subcommittee agreed upon the next meeting date of March 10th from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM.

4. **Public Comments** – none.
5. **Adjournment** - A motion was made by Ms. Marano, seconded by Ms. Mostoufi, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call and the meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Higgins

Approved: 3.24.22