Committee Chair Jennifer Patterson convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. and introduced Assistant Superintendent Donna Palley to discuss the three proposals relating to home instruction.

Proposal 1.
Ms. Palley indicated that the first proposal was to change the title of Policy #681 Home Instruction (also #429) regarding providing instruction to students who are temporarily unable to attend school. The proposal is to change the name of this policy to Home Bound Instruction to distinguish it from the Home Education issue.

There was consensus on the committee for Policies #681/#429 Home Instruction to be rewritten to define who is a home bound student. For example, a District student will be designated as home bound when the student is not able to attend school as a result of a temporary injury or illness and is unable to attend school on a temporary basis.

Proposal 2.
The second proposal is to delete Policy #634 Home Study Programs, which is now outdated and no longer needed.

The committee determined that Policy #634 Home Study Programs should be eliminated; this policy should have been deleted when Policy #620 Home Education Requests was adopted in 1997.

Proposal 3.
The third proposal is to revise Policy #620 Home Education Requests to reflect changes that are now necessary as a result of recent legislation. Ms. Palley outlined the proposed change that parents only notify the Superintendent, or Commissioner, at the beginning of the plan to provide home education and at the end of the plan. There is no longer an annual responsibility of the District to track the home education program.

Ms. Palley reviewed each proposed change and whether the change being proposed was new, existing, or now written to comply with RSA 193-A. The committee recommended a change to clarify that the policy relates to the parent of a child who resides in or moves into the district.
The Committee voted to recommend that the full Board adopt Policy #620 Home Education with revisions as presented, eliminate Policy #634 Home Study Programs, and adopt Policies #681/#429 Instruction of Temporarily Home-Bound Students, with revisions as presented.

The Committee adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Patterson, Chair
Chris Rath, Recorder