

**MIDDLETOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

In Person Meeting 5:30 P.M.

Board of Education Policy Committee Members participating:

Deb Kleckowski, Policy Committee Chair

Susan Owens, BOE Member

Also participation:

Marco Gaylord, Executive Director of Operations

Jill Power, Operations Administrative Secretary

Staci Porch, Parent

The Meeting was called to order by Deb Kleckowski at 5:36P.M.

1. Introductions

2. Policy #1600 Possession of Deadly Weapons or Firearms

Marco Gaylord discussed that there was a legal update that we did not get too. We will be removing the optional language on page 4 concerning hunters and to have a retired police officer at the school which we do not have at this time. Deb asked what is considered a firearm? Marco described these weapons as being deadly. Susan asked about metal detectors in our schools. Marco discussed that our staff do a great job with perimeter checks and checks inside the building to notice anything suspicious. After discussion the Board moved this policy to its first reading with taking out the optional language at the Board meeting on December 10th, 2024.

3. Policy #4131 Professional Development

Marco Gaylord discussed this policy has not been updated since 2015. This policy is not mandatory but the Board may wish to maintain the policy to identify the Boards goals and objectives with respect to professional development. Marco mentioned that PD days are beneficial and we have convocation and 3 days prior to school starting, Election Day, and ½ days throughout the year dedicated to professional development. Staci Porch brought to our attention that if this PD policy is going to be for certified and noncertified staff then the title should be changed to Certified/Non-Certified. All were in favor. After discussion the Board moved this policy to its first reading with changing the title and changing the word voluntary on page 2 at the Board meeting on December 10th, 2024.

4. Policy #4152.6 Family and Medical Leave

Marco discussed that this policy needs to be updated because it has not been updated in a while and was tabled to have HR review it. Some of the optional language on page 3, 5, and 7 were taken out because it

does not apply to our district. After discussion the Board moved this policy to its first reading with taking the optional language out on page 3, 5 and 7 at the Board meeting on December 10th, 2024.

5. Policy #5118 Nonresident Attendance (Proposed Deletion)

This policy is not valid for us anymore. Deb asked about Voag students. Marco discussed that the cooperating town pays for them, there are no waivers. After discussion the Board moved this policy to its first reading for deletion at the Board meeting on December 10th, 2024.

6. Policy #6162.51 Student Privacy

Marco discussed the need to update this policy. Students and parents are able to opt out of surveys if they wish. The surveys are approved by Dr. V and sent to parents and the parents can decide if they want to opt in or out. This happens from time to time. After discussion the Board moved this policy to its first reading on December 10th, 2024.

The next policy committee meeting will take place on December 17, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marco Gaylord

Executive Director of Operations