

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 8/23/23 Place of Meeting: Zoom
Members present: Kathy Baker, Samantha Mannion, Amy Johnson,
Members absent: Stephanie Strazza
Other attendees: Ken Craw, Dominic Cipollone, James D'Amico, Allyson Story
Minutes submitted by: Amy Johnson
Meeting Access: Policy Subcommittee (8/23/23 at 7:00 p.m.)
Web: <https://zoom.us/j/92030226173> Dial In: (929) 205-6099
Meeting ID: 920 3022 6173

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.
Samantha Mannion made a motion to elevated Dom Cipollone to voting status, seconded by Kathy Baker, all in favor.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 14, 2023 – Regular

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 14, 2023, meeting as presented

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor

Motion: To move Information Items IV.A. and IV.B. to the top of the agenda, before Action Items.

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Dom Cipollone

Recording of Vote: All in favor

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Policy 5131 – Conduct Codes – It is important to look at school culture and clearly outline student, parent, staff and administrator expectations. During the summer retreat, the leadership team formulated an updated Code of Respect and Responsibility to foster a positive school climate and to be consistent across the district. Concerning the Safe School Pledge, parents review the pledge with their students, and both sign the document. Concern was expressed about referencing other documents that do not clearly express the consequences for certain actions, and that any two students exhibiting the same behavior receive the same punishment. The Code will be shared with the staff at the beginning of the year.

B. Policy 5118 – Nonresident Students - This policy has been brought to the subcommittee for review because we have had instances of students attending school in our district who do not live in New Fairfield. These situations have been reviewed by our district registrar and SROs. A plan will be developed to review residency as students progress through the schools by conducting, for example, an audit, re-registration at intervals, etc.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. SRO Memorandum of Agreement – The SRO Agreement will be reviewed by the Principals. Changes to the document were reviewed. The full Board would need to approve it in the future.

Motion: To approve the 2023 SRO agreement between DESPP and the New Fairfield Board of Education for consideration by the full Board.

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor

V. OTHER – There is a quick link to the BOE policies on the home page of the NFPS district website.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Dom Cipollone

Recording of vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at: 8:10 p.m.