

**MIDDLETOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

In Person Meeting 5:30 P.M.

Board of Education Policy Committee Members participating:

Liz Crooks, BOE Member

Shelia Daniels, Chair of Board of Education

Susan Owens, BOE Member

Also participation:

Dr. Alberto Vazquez Matos, Superintendent

Jennifer Cannata, Assistant Superintendent

Marco Gaylord, Executive Director of Operations

Jill Power, Operations Administrative Secretary

Staci Porch, Parent

The Meeting was called to order by Sheila Daniels at 5:47P.M.

1. Introductions

2. Policy #4118.11 Non-Discrimination (Personnel)

Marco Gaylord discussed that this policy needed to be updated to follow the appeal procedures needed to follow the new Title IX rule. This policy requires an appeal process to be updated so they are comparable. There are some tech edits. The contact for personnel will be Harry Snyder, for 504-related concerns it is Vacianna Spaulding and ADA is Jen Cannata. Liz Crooks brought up that if a woman has a concern and they do not feel comfortable going to a male, they can have someone else to voice their concerns. Dr. Vazquez Matos mentioned that all administrators are trained so women can go to Jen Cannata or Stacey McCann if they feel more comfortable. After discussion, the Board moved this policy to its first and final reading with the name changes at the Board meeting on November 12th, 2024.

3. Policy #5112 Student Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism

Marco Gaylord discussed that this policy was changed to have up-to-date guidelines. Sheila asked if they should add a hyperlink of the act to this policy for families to be able to look at. Dr. Vazquez Matos agreed. After discussion, the Board moved this policy to its first and final reading by adding the hyperlink at the Board meeting on November 12th, 2024.

4. Policy #5114 Student Discipline

Policy #5114 was not discussed at this meeting. It was already passed at the special meeting on August 12th, 2024. No further discussion was necessary.

5. Policy #5131.61 Chemical Health Policy for Student Athletes

This policy has had a major update since 2013. The biggest update is all about substance abuse and the medical use of marijuana for student-athletes. Students can't be in violation if they have a medical reason. This policy is also like the discipline policy where a student can not get disciplined more for marijuana than alcohol. Elisha has updated the handbooks and coaches are aware of this update. After discussion, the Board moved this policy to its first reading at the Board meeting on November 12th, 2024.

The next policy committee meeting will take place on November 19, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marco Gaylord

Executive Director of Operations