# BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT

## **Policy Subcommittee Meeting**

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Special

Date of Meeting: 10/28/19 Place of Meeting: Central Office conf. rm.

Members present: Greg Flanagan, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan

Member absent: Stephanie Strazza

Other attendees: Patricia Cosentino, Julie Luby, Ed Sbordone

Minutes submitted by: Greg Flanagan

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 3, 2019 - Regular

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of October 3, 2019, as presented

Made by: Samantha Mannion Seconded by: Rick Regan

**Recording of Vote:** All in favor

### III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Policy 1331 - Smoke Free Environment - Added *vaping products* to the policy. No issues with any members.

- B. Policy 3432/3433 Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement No issues with any members.
- C. Policy 4112.5/4212.5 Security Check/Fingerprinting No issues with any members.
- D. Policy 4112.51/4212.51 Employment/Reference Checks No issues with any members.
- E. Policy 4122 Student Teachers No issues with any members.
- F. Policy 4131 Staff Development Discussion centered on making sure all students are represented.
- G. Policy 5114 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process/Referral to the Police Although there was some question if the changes to the policy made it more difficult to expel a student, no members had issues.
- H. Policy 6111 School Calendar No issues with any members.
- I. Policy 6142 Basic Instructional Program Some questions were asked concerning computer science and how this would be rolled out. No issues with any members.
- J. Policy 6159 Individualized Education Programs/Special Education Program No issues with any members.
- K. Policy 6172.1 Gifted and Talented Students Program No issues with any members.

**Motion:** To move Policies 1331, 3432/3433, 4112.5/4212.5, 4112.51/4212.51, 4122, 4131,

5114, 6111, 6142, 6159, and 6172.1 as presented to the full Board for approval. Made by: Samantha Mannion Seconded by: Greg Flanagan

**Recording of Vote:** All in favor.

### IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - none

**V. OTHER -** Pat Callahan stated that his son, who had a 4.2 GPA, did not receive high honors. Because his son got a B, he was not eligible for High Honors. Julie Luby explained that the new HS Principal is reviewing how we are evaluating High Honors. Dr. Cosentino explained that our attorney has an issue with the way our home schooling policy (Policy 6172.3) is written which opens us up to potential litigation. Samantha will follow up with District attorney. Stephanie Marlow inquired if the temporary budget freeze impacted special education. It does not.

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by: Samantha Mannion **Recording of vote:** All in favor Seconded by: Greg Flanagan **Meeting adjourned at:** 6:36 p.m.