

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT**  
**Policy Subcommittee Meeting**

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Regular  
Date of Meeting: 9/27/23 Place of Meeting: Zoom  
Members present: Kathy Baker, Samantha Mannion, Amy Johnson, Stephanie Strazza  
Members absent:  
Other attendees: Ken Craw, Paul Gouveia, Dominic Cipollone  
Minutes submitted by:  
Meeting Access: Policy Subcommittee (9/27/23 at 7:00 p.m.) Web:  
<https://zoom.us/j/99313934118> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 993 1393 4118

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. August 23, 2023 – Regular

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the August 23, 2023, meeting as presented

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Amy Johnson

**Recording of Vote:** All in favor

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Policy 1330 – Use of School Facilities (Field Fees) – The policy, including Appendix A and Appendix B, was reviewed. The purpose of bringing this policy to the subcommittee is to review and raise fees in anticipation of replacement of turf facilities at the high school. Various revisions were made to the policy and Appendix A. Revisions to Appendix B include raising the per-participant fee in Category 3 to \$50.00, charging \$5.00 additional per athlete for use of each additional field, and deleting *seasonal charge for use of John John Pendergast Field*.

**Motion:** To move Policy 1330, Appendix A and Appendix B as revised to the full Board for approval

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

**Recording of Vote:** All in favor

**IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Policy 5118 – Nonresident Students – At the previous Policy Subcommittee meeting, there was discussion regarding concerns that Policy 5118 is being implemented with verification practices that are in place. Newly implemented strategies, continued strategies, and recommended strategies were discussed. We are working with the Tax Assessor to cross reference property transfers with Powerschool records and car tax records, post card audit, and collaboration with First Student with bus driver awareness of students listed as taking a particular bus. Continued strategies include detailed review of the lease/host verifications and a recommended strategy is periodic re-enrollment of students. Various scenarios of nonresident students attending NFPS were discussed, and the committee agreed that the strategies presented are good starting points. It is recommended we implement immediate strategies and target one grade to pilot new strategies to see how it goes. For the next Policy Sub meeting, the subcommittee would like to review language added to the policy “to authorize the Administration to implement strategies for verification of residency” and requests that data be gathered to review which strategies work and do not work.

## **V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Policy 5112 – Ages of Attendance (Kindergarten Age Requirement) – This topic was discussed at the last Curriculum Subcommittee meeting. Starting in the 2024-25 school year, a child must be 5 by September 1<sup>st</sup> in order to register for kindergarten. Parents of students turning five after September 1<sup>st</sup> can request a waiver, and the child’s readiness for kindergarten will be assessed. We currently have 22 students who will turn five during the Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> time period. We have not yet received our custom update for this policy from CAFE. A committee has been formed on the elementary level about this topic, and their recommendations will be brought to the Curriculum Subcommittee.

**VI. OTHER** – The topic of high school badges was discussed. Vaping in high school bathrooms and vaping sensors were discussed.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn: Made by:** Samantha Mannion

**Seconded by:** Stephanie Strazza

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

**Meeting adjourned at:** 8:40 p.m.