

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 11/29/23 Place of Meeting: Zoom
Members present: Kathy Baker, Samantha Mannion
Members absent: Stephanie Strazza, Amy Johnson
Other attendees: Ken Craw, Paul Gouveia, Kimberly LaTourette, Ed Sbordone
Minutes submitted by: Kim LaTourette
Meeting Access: Policy Subcommittee (11/29/23 at 7:00 p.m.) Web:
https://zoom.us/j/95529508929 Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 955 2950 8929

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Motion: To elevate Kim LaTourette to voting status

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 25, 2023 – Regular

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 25, 2023, meeting as presented

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Policy 4121 – Substitute Teachers

When teachers are out for 40 days, districts were able to use a non-certified sub in the position, the new policy from CAFE is allowing this to be 60 days. The NF strategy is to always have a certified sub in those positions. Days 1-20 - \$120, 21-60 - \$125, 60 on makes them eligible for teacher pay. It is difficult to obtain subs, so the short-term strategy works. For the long-term subs, we need to ensure that we have a more robust criteria outlined. The district strategy of having sub teachers on staff helps to fill the long-term needs. Ken will add in a more robust paragraph.

Motion: To table Policy 4121 and add updates on the long-term sub strategy/criteria

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kim LaTourette

Recording of Vote: All in favor

B. Policy 6172.6 – Virtual/Online Courses –

This policy is being reviewed for the second time. This version was cleared up concerning IEP and FAPE, and the change to include 504 back into the paragraph will be made.

Motion: To move Policy 6172.6 to the full Board for approval

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor

C. Policy 5118 – Nonresident Students - This policy for verifying residence is on the agenda again. Paul shared data from the investigation for the past few months. As a result of the investigations, we have removed seven students from the district and have two pending.

There was discussion about what we need to make the policy stronger around the repercussions for violating the policy. There are circumstances that are difficult and it is justified to allow the student to stay in the district while dealing with issues.

Paul also reviewed the strategies that they have been using and how well they are or are not working. Working with the Tax Department and collaboration with First Student is working. We are trying to figure out how to best work with the Post Office in order to ensure that our mailers

would work. They also reminded the post office that they need to send back returned mail. We are working with the town Registrar of Voters to review those records. The re-enrollment strategy would require additional staff and be difficult to do. There seems to be a lot of gentlemen leases and hosting of students in NF that are hard to identify and deal with. The SROs have been helping to check out addresses and situations. Regarding student parking, everyone who did not have a Connecticut license plate was thoroughly investigated. Moving forward they will not be allowed to park at the High School. The subcommittee discussed removing subjective and put in stronger language. Additional copy will be added to be stronger on prosecution and that a superintendent moving forward understands the importance of having a strong policy.

Motion: To table Policy 5118

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - none

V. OTHER – Samantha had a question about a CABA policy on Artificial Intelligence. The collegiate levels in CT have received direction. Ken noted that we have not received anything from CABA yet. It will be put on the agenda for next time to see if anything is coming.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kim LaTourette

Recording of vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at: 8:02 p.m.