

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 11/18/20
Members present: Kathy Baker, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan, Stephanie Strazza
Members absent: (none) Other attendees: Dr. Pat Cosentino
Minutes submitted by: Rick Regan
Place of Meeting: Policy Subcommittee (11/18 at 7 p.m.) Web: <https://zoom.us/j/95719658342>
Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 957 1965 8342

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 28, 2020 - Regular

Motion: To approve the minutes of October 28, 2020, as presented

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Bylaw 9030.1 – Conflict in Public Education

Section “CONDUCT AT PUBLIC MEETINGS” to be moved into new policy, 9030.2.

B. Bylaw 9030.2 – Conduct at Public Meeting

New bylaw 9273 to include paragraph requiring review of civility code during board member orientation.

Motion: To move bylaws 9030.1, 9030.2, and 9273 (Civility Code), as amended, to the full Board for approval.

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Rick Regan

Recording of Vote: All in favor.

Kathy Baker and Stephanie Strazza conducted a review of the following bylaws, and the committee made changes during the discussion:

- C. Bylaw 9120 – Officers - Minor grammatical changes including consistent capitalization.
- D. Bylaw 9121 – Office of the Chairperson - Made the last sentence a bulleted item. Minor grammatical changes.
- E. Bylaw 9122 – Office of the Vice-Chairperson - Made the last sentence a bulleted item.
- F. Bylaw 9123 – Office of the Secretary - Strike bullet 1. Add a new item 4: “Post agendas for community access on social media.”
- G. Bylaw 9124 – Recording Secretary/Clerk - Minor grammatical changes.
- H. Bylaw 9125 – Attorney - Minor grammatical changes.
- I. Bylaw 9130 – Committees - Minor grammatical changes, including referring to “subcommittee” instead of “committee.”
- J. Bylaw 9132 – Standing Committees - Minor grammatical changes, including referring to “subcommittee” instead of “committee”. Remove “Field Fees” subcommittee from the list of examples.
- K. Bylaw 9133 – Ad Hoc Committees - Minor grammatical changes, including referring to “subcommittee” instead of “committee.”
- L. Bylaw 9140 – Board Representatives - Minor grammatical change.
- M. Bylaw 9150 – Board Consultants - Minor grammatical changes.

Motion: To move bylaws 9120, 9121, 9122, 9123, 9124, 9125, 9130, 9132, 9133, 9140, 9150, as amended, to the full Board for approval.

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Rick Regan

Recording of Vote: All in favor

N. Bylaw 9160 – Student Representation on Board of Education

Motion: To table bylaw 9160 pending recommendations from the high school principal.

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Bylaw Review - Samantha and Stephanie will split the next batch of bylaws to review.

V. OTHER - Samantha wants the Policy Subcommittee to reconcile the Community Relations series of policies (1000s) with the corresponding policies in the board by-laws (9000s), in particular taking into account the changes we've been making to the 9000 series in our recent reviews. Stephanie wanted to take this opportunity to highlight these policies to the community (for example, policies for observing classrooms).

Samantha asked what our plan should be once we are done reviewing the bylaws. Rick suggested that instead of a blanket review of all policies (which Samantha pointed out are reviewed by CABE regularly), we should review individual policies we have questions about. Rick volunteered to start with some policies he has in mind.

Rick requested again that the video from the Policy Subcommittee meeting on 9/23/20 be posted.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at: 8:23 p.m.