

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 3/23/22 Place of Meeting: Zoom
Members present: Kathy Baker, Samantha Mannion, Amy Johnson, Stephanie Strazza
Members absent:
Other attendees: Dr. Pat Cosentino, Julie Luby, James D'Amico, Dominic Cipollone
Minutes submitted by: Stephanie Strazza
Meeting Access: Policy Subcommittee (3/23/22 at 6 p.m.) Web: <https://zoom.us/j/91860914614>
Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 918 6091 4614

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 24, 2022 - Regular

Motion: To approve the minutes of February 24, 2022, as presented

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Policy 0524 - Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents in Schools - Samantha Mannion summarized Policy 0524 - Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents in Schools. The motivation for the policy stems from a rise in behavior in the High School surrounding hateful activity. The committee agreed to the alternate language for the introduction because it gives more flexibility to the district. It was agreed to changing the language "he/she" to "they/their" wherever it is used throughout the policy. The Subcommittee members agreed that incidents of bias, that are not classified as hate crimes, should not require an immediate referral to the police department.

B. Policy 4118.11/4218.11 - Nondiscrimination - The amended language is non-discretionary.

C. Policy 6146.11 - Grade Weighting and Class Rank - The amended language is non-discretionary. The district is required to notify students and parents of the GPA weighting of AP courses in the student handbook. James D'Amico reported that the district is already complying with this revision.

D. Bylaw 9327 - Electronic Communications Among Board Members - The subcommittee reviewed the samples provided by CABE and selected a version, with modifications, that was agreeable to all.

E. Bylaw 9327.1 – Board Member Use of Internet Social Networks - The members reviewed our Bylaw that was revised May 6, 2021, and there are no further revisions.

Motion: To bring to the full board the following policies and Bylaws for consideration: Policy 0524 – Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents in Schools with suspension of the rules to be voted on at the next BOE meeting; Policy 4118.11/4218.11 - Nondiscrimination; Policy 6146.11 – Grade Weighting and Class Rank; Bylaw 9327 – Electronic Communications Among Board Members and Bylaw 9327.1 – Board Member Use of Internet Social Networks

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - none

V. OTHER

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Samantha Mannion

Recording of vote: All in favor

Seconded by: Amy Johnson

Meeting adjourned at: 7:20 p.m.