

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 9/25/24 Place of Meeting: Zoom
Members present: Kathy Baker, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion
Members absent:
Other attendees: Ken Crow, Karen Gruetzner, James D'Amico, Dominic Cipollone, Sue Huwer
Minutes submitted by: Kimberly LaTourette
Meeting Access: Policy Subcommittee (9/25/24 at 7:00 p.m.)
Web: <https://zoom.us/j/98282125208> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 982 8212 5208

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 12, 2024 – Regular

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 12, 2024, regular meeting as presented

Made by: Kathy Baker

Seconded by: Amy Johnson

Recording of Vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Policy 5131.81 – Electronic Devices - Dr. Crow shared information about Policy 5131.81 - Electronic Devices. We can see the changes highlighted in yellow. It is our hopes that we are consistent in enforcing the policy and thinking about how to be proactive, in conjunction with our wellness goal. There was a discussion about some of the language used in the policy as well as some changes to the consequences for offenses. James D'Amico and Karen Gruetzner shared information specific to their schools, how staff handle situations, and how information gets out. There was a brief discussion about adding a parent signature form for the elementary school on this policy.

Motion: To move the revised draft of Policy 5131.81 – Electronic Devices to the full Board, with changes as discussed, for a vote

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kim LaTourette

Recording of Vote: All in favor

B. Policy 6172.3 – Educational Instruction under Parental Direction (Home Schooling)
Dr. Crow mentioned that Gail DeFeo maintains the homeschooling forms and recognized that the forms were changed over COVID with a lot more flexibility. Currently, if you are homeschooled, you are not enrolled. We are looking for notification with the form - that works, but we have reverted back to the original policy language.

Motion: To move Policy 6172.3 – Educational Instruction under Parental Direction (Home Schooling) to the full board

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Amy Johnson

Recording of Vote: All in favor

C. Policy 2400 – Evaluation of the Superintendent - It was mentioned that there was some discussion about whether or not all of the items on the form are roles/function of the Superintendent position. Samantha is asking members to look at the items and flag anything that we believe should not be there, and to come up with items that are not there that should be. Some members asked for Ken's feedback on any items that may be too specific, too narrow, or anything that is not within his position. Ken mentioned that he preferred starting his reflection and evaluation not so close to the end of the year, that would be better. Samantha wanted to add that if the board member is not present for the discussion, they should not be able to share their scores. It is important for every member to be present and part of the discussion. This is how the board

functions with other items that are voted on.

Motion: To table Policy 2400 – Evaluation of the Superintendent pending further revisions.

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor

Motion: To authorize Samantha to customize the evaluation form with Dr. Craw

Made by: Kathy Baker

Seconded by: Kim LaTourette

Recording of Vote: All in favor

V. INFORMATION ITEMS – None

VI. OTHER – None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Amy Johnson

Recording of vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at: 8:21 p.m.