

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 12/14/22 Place of Meeting: Zoom
Members present: Kathy Baker, Samantha Mannion, Amy Johnson, Stephanie Strazza
Members absent:
Other attendees: Ken Craw, James D'Amico, Karen Gruetzner, Tim Blair, Dom Cipollone, Ed Sbordone
Minutes submitted by: Kathy Baker
Meeting Access: Policy Subcommittee (12/14/22 at 6 p.m.) Web: <https://zoom.us/j/97644209101>
Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 976 4420 9101

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 16, 2022 - Regular

Motion: To approve the minutes of November 16, 2022, as presented

Made by: Kathy Baker

Seconded by: Stephanie Strazza

Recording of Vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Policy 5132 – Dress and Grooming – Revision - Change to *Principal or their designee* instead of Principal or Assistant Principal in paragraphs five and six. This policy applies to all school sponsored activities. Students who continue to violate this policy would be dealt with under the school code of conduct manual. No restrictions on freedom of dress, grooming and adornment.

Motion: To move Policy 5132 - Dressing and Grooming to the full Board for approval

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Policy 5118.111 – Tuition for Students of Staff Members – The committee discussed adding SROs to the policy.

Motion: To keep Policy 5118.111 on the agenda and bring to the full Board

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor – Kathy Baker, Samantha Mannion and Stephanie Strazza
Opposed – Amy Johnson

B. Vaping Update - A multi-pronged approach was discussed. James D'Amico did a poll of the SWC schools on detectors. Two of ten schools use vape detectors, one in permanent way and one in a pilot. Both cases are in a silent manner. They get five to ten pings a day with the detectors. Depending on the technology, there is a question on reliability. Both schools have slightly different conduct codes than ours and address the addiction piece with requiring the student to meet with a health counselor and suspension. The subcommittee agreed to put this topic back on the agenda for the next meeting.

V. OTHER – The subcommittee members would like to revisit the lanyards and badges policy with the middle school.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Kathy Baker

Seconded by: Samantha Mannion

Recording of vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at: 7:03 p.m.