



Board of Education – Policy Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.  
Bloomfield Board of Education, Board Room  
1133 Blue Hills Avenue  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

**ATTENDANCE:** F. Bogle-Assegai, Chair Absent  
T. Moore Present  
H. Frydman Absent  
L. Easmon *ex-officio* Present

**ALSO PRESENT:** K. Dunbar B. Silver T. Curtis  
D. Greco L. Lamenzo A.M. Cullinan  
K. Wallach

**1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order**

L. Easmon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

**2. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes – Policy Committee Meeting – April 25, 2024**

A motion was made by T. Moore and seconded by L. Easmon for the Policy Committee to approve the meeting minutes from April 25, 2024, as presented.

L. Easmon Aye  
T. Moore Aye

The motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.

**3. New Business**

**A. Policy for an Initial Reading**

**1. Remote Work – Certified/Non-Certified – 4113.6/4213.6**

Dr. Bethany Silver shared a first reading of the remote work policy. She noted there is no policy in place to allow for staff to work remotely. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for situations permitting staff to remote at a location other than their office provided by the Board of Education. The policy provides criteria for remote work and administrative regulations for requesting remote work.

This is an option for employees other than those identified as essential in certain situations and has been reviewed by the district attorney.

The committee members inquired about what staff are considered “essential” and what district technology or physical files are allowed to travel outside the district schools and offices.



#### 4. New Business

##### A. Policies for a Second Reading

##### 1. Play-Based Learning – 6142.104

Ms. Anne Marie Cullinan, Curriculum Specialist, presented a second reading of Policy 6142.104 Play-Based Learning. The changes to this policy are mandated under Public Act 23-101 (An Act Concerning the Mental, Physical, and Emotional Wellness of Children), and Public Act 23-159 (An Act Concerning Teachers and Paraeducators).

Ms. Cullinan noted this new policy is to ensure compliance with a law passed in 2023 requiring schools to provide play-based learning for kindergarten and preschool students. It also permits a teacher to utilize play-based learning for grades one to five. Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, play-based learning must be incorporated into annual professional development programming for pre-K through grade five teachers.

Included in this new policy are definitions around play-based learning. The language was provided by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE).

Ms. Cullinan noted the importance of professional development and alignment of curriculum to facilitate this legislation. She further noted this does align to the district's Portrait of a Graduate competencies.

L. Easmon inquired what play-based learning looks like in grade 5 compared to Pre-K. Ms. Cullinan provided examples.

A motion was made by T. Moore and seconded by L. Easmon for the Policy Committee to recommend to the Board of Education a second reading of policy 6142.104 – Play-Based Learning.

L. Easmon	Aye
T. Moore	Aye

The motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.

##### 2. Attendance – Unexcused Absences – Truancy – Students – 5113.2

Dr. Bethany Silver, Acting Superintendent presented a second reading of Policy 5113.2 Attendance – Unexcused Absences – Truancy. The updated language to this policy is a result to changes in legislation including new definitions.

The revised policy language is adopted from CABE model policy.

It was suggested to include revised policy in the student handbooks.

A Board member inquired about attendance practices at schools. It was noted that the new program Apptegy the district is using for notification will look to streamline practices.



A motion was made by T. Moore and seconded by L. Easmon for the Policy Committee to recommend to the Board of Education a second reading of policy 5113.2 – Attendance, Unexcused Absences, Truancy – Students.

L. Easmon	Aye
T. Moore	Aye

The motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.

**3. Purchasing - Soliciting Prices – 3323**

Dr. Bethany Silver, Acting Superintendent presented a second reading of Policy 3323 Purchasing – Soliciting Prices.

At the last policy meeting on April 25, 2024 the committee provided feedback and revision were made. The revisions to this policy are intended to update purchasing ranges. The district compared expenditure ranges with other school districts of comparative size and with the Town of Bloomfield. The changes increases the requirement of a price quote from purchases over \$1,000.00 to over \$10,000.00. This purchase amount aligns with the Town of Bloomfield’s policy.

It was noted that the Board of Education shall award bids over \$150,000.00.

A motion was made by T. Moore and seconded by L. Easmon for the Policy Committee to recommend to the Board of Education a second reading of policy 3323 – Purchasing – Soliciting Prices.

L. Easmon	Aye
T. Moore	Aye

The motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.

**4. Adjournment**

At 7:49 p.m., a motion was made by T. Moore and seconded by L. Easmon to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.

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F. Bogle-Assegai, Chair