

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 3/22/23 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, Paul Gouveia, Ed Sbordone
Minutes submitted by: Kathy Baker
Meeting Access: Policy Subcommittee (3/22/23 at 6:30 p.m.) Web:
<https://zoom.us/j/99609782163> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 996 0978 2163

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 22, 2023 - Regular

Motion: Motion made by Samantha Mannion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2023, as presented. Approved by consensus.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Policy 4118.51 – Social Media - Paul Gouveia, Director of Technology, reviewed his proposed changes to Policy 4118.51 - Social Media. He recommended that the policy remove ambiguity, specifically to state that staff may not "communicate with students on social media," not just "friending" students. He also suggested omitting the names of specific social media sites, to cover all such forms of communication. Samantha and Kathy recommended fast tracking the full board approval of the policy due to the urgent need to protect staff and students.

B. Policy 3517.1 – Identification Badges – Dr. Craw reviewed the proposed changes to the policy as discussed at the previous meeting. The changes state that all middle school and high school students are required to display their badges in a prominent location when boarding the bus. High school students must wear their IDs while in the school building, and middle school students do not need to wear the badge throughout the day.

Motions:

Motion: To move to suspend the rules for the approval of Policy 4118.51 - Social Media and move the policy to the full board for approval at the next regular board meeting.

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor

Motion: To move to the full Board of Education for approval Policy 3517.1 – Identification Badges with the proposed changes

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - none

V. OTHER - Ed Sbordone inquired about suspending the rules to fast-track Policy 3517.1 Identification Badges, in addition to Policy 4118.51 Social Media. Samantha explained that she did not recommend suspending the rules, because there was a legitimate reason to do so. Dr. Craw assured the committee that the schools are already implementing the policy. Ed also reiterated the importance of parent communication regarding students being required to display their badges to ride the school bus in the morning.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Samantha Mannion

Recording of vote: All in favor

Seconded by: Stephanie Strazza

Meeting adjourned at: 6:55 p.m.