

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Special
Date of Meeting: 6/8/22 Place of Meeting: Zoom
Members present: Kathy Baker, Samantha Mannion, Stephanie Strazza
Members absent: Amy Johnson
Other attendees: Dr. Pat Cosentino
Minutes submitted by: Kathy Baker
Meeting Access: Policy Subcommittee (6/8/22 at 7 p.m.) Web: <https://zoom.us/j/95182556293>
Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 951 8255 6293

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 23, 2022 - Regular

Motion: To approve the minutes of March 23, 2022, as presented

Made by: Kathy Baker

Seconded by: Stephanie Strazza

Recording of Vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS

Samantha Mannion would like the subcommittee to consider recommending these mandated policies to the full Board of Education with a suspension of the rules at the next BOE meeting.

A. Policy 6141.51 - Advanced Courses or Programs, Eligibility Criteria for

Enrollment - This policy is a new, mandated policy. It was reviewed and there were no suggested changes. The subcommittee agreed to recommend this to the full Board for consideration.

B. Policy 6141.52 - Challenging Curriculum Policy - This policy is also a new, mandated policy. There was discussion about . . . *will* offer advanced academic classes in the four content areas of Language arts, mathematics, social studies and science on page (a), paragraph six. It was suggested that the word “will” be changed to “may.” These classes are not offered on the middle school level. It was agreed to table this policy and to consult with our attorney about changing the word “will” to “may.”

Motion: To table Policy 6141.52 until we get an opinion from the attorney about changing “will” to “may.”

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Stephanie Strazza

Recording of Vote: All in favor

C. Policy 6172.1 - Gifted and Talented Students Program – This is an existing policy with revisions based on legislation. The amended language is non-discretionary. A teacher of the Gifted has been hired for NF Middle School.

Motion: To bring to the full board with suspension of the rules the following policies: Policy 6141.51 - Advanced Courses or Programs, Eligibility Criteria for Enrollment and Policy 6172.1 - Gifted and Talented Students Program

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - none

V. OTHER - It was suggested that the Subcommittee review the policy concerning process to follow when a parent has a question or concern about a book that s/he may feel is not age appropriate for his/her student. Samantha Mannion thanked Dr. Pat Cosentino for the expertise she offered during the Policy Subcommittee meetings.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at: 7:17 p.m.