

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT**  
**Policy Subcommittee Meeting**

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Regular  
Date of Meeting: 3/25/25 Place of Meeting: Zoom  
Members present: Kathy Baker, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion  
Members absent: Amy Johnson  
Other attendees: Ken Craw, Kris Woleck, James D'Amico, Ed Sbordone  
Minutes submitted by: Kim La Tourette  
**Meeting Access: Policy Subcommittee (3/25/25 at 7:00 p.m.)**  
Web: <https://zoom.us/j/96519060066> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 965 1906 0066

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. February 25, 2025

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of February 25, 2025, as presented

Made by: Samantha Manion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

**Recording of Vote:** All in favor

**III. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Policy 5131.911 – Connecticut School Climate Policy**

Dr. Craw and Dr. Woleck discussed the legislative change that has occurred and needs to be in place by July 1. Dr. Woleck discussed how this is similar to our current bullying policy and will now be called the School Climate Policy. We will continue to support students and teachers in their learning, instruction, and how to address challenging behavior. We will have a School Climate Coordinator, Specialist, and Committee. They will all work together to look at the data, develop an improvement plan with goals and strategies. Each school will have their own plan to address the school climate. The school climate survey will be given every other year that students, staff, and families have the opportunity to participate in. There are new forms that will need to be put in place. The "Challenging Behavior Reporting Form" will be available to families and on our website. The administration and specialist will use the "Investigation Form." And a "Response Form" will be completed after the assessment of the behavior in order to report back to the person reporting the behavior.

**B. Policy 6172 – Alternative Education Programs**

Mr. D'Amico came to speak about our Alternative Learning Program already put in place. This policy formalizes our program and continues to allow us to offer flexible programs for our students. There is a description of our ALC in our Program of Studies - we offer this during the day and at night (afternoon). If any students are in danger of not graduating, students may be placed in this program (second half of junior year or senior year). Teachers, guidance counselors, and at times parents, may ask if the ALC is an option for a student. There are a variety of reasons why the regular school day may not work for certain kids and this may be an option for any student, whether they are special education or not. The offerings may be customized so that students can receive the credits they need. We try to offer and make the day ALC program work for as many students as we can so that electives and more classes are available to them. ALC is not available to freshman, and very few sophomores are in this program. Ken is recommending that we do not adopt the CAGE regulations that are in this policy. He would like to offer regulations internally to make sure they meet our specific needs. Ken plans on cleaning up this policy and then bringing it back to us in time for the July deadline.

**Motion:** To move the School Climate Policy to the full Board for consideration

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kim LaTourette

**Recording of Vote:** All in favor

**Motion:** To table the Alternative Education Program pending the updated draft from the district

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

**Recording of Vote:** All in favor

**IV. OTHER** – Ken mentioned the following items that will come back to us next month: an update on the cell phone policy, the Alternative Education Programs, the Naming Policy (James D’Amico has been doing some research and trying to come up with criteria for the Board).

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by: Samantha Mannion

**Seconded by:** Kim LaTourette

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

**Meeting adjourned at:** 7:37 p.m.