

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT

Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 2/26/20 Place of Meeting: Central Office conf. rm.
Members present: Kathy Baker, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan, Stephanie Strazza
Members absent:
Other attendees: Patricia Cosentino, Ed Sbordone, Amy Tozzo, Eric Alviti
Minutes submitted by: Stephanie Strazza

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 22, 2020 - Regular

Motion: To approve the minutes of January 22, 2020, as presented

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Stephanie Strazza

Recording of Vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Policy 6172.3 - Educational Instruction under Parental Direction (Home Schooling)

The subcommittee followed up on last meeting's discussion regarding partially enrolled students who are home schooled. Attorney Andy Bellach was present by phone to provide guidance on the matter. Subcommittee members discussed whether or not home schooled students could attend 1-2 classes per day, under the same protocols as visitors, in order to ensure insurance coverage. Atty. Bellach was unable to confirm whether or not students would be covered, after speaking with CIRMA. Other concerns were raised by Ms. Bellach including discrimination under protections of the 14th Amendment, IDEA statutes, and district liability for students including bullying. Samantha stated that she did not think that the Board was ready to repeal the policy entirely, and the subcommittee agreed on substantial revisions to the policy.

Motion: To table the revision of Policy 6172.3

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Stephanie Strazza

Recording of Vote: All in favor

B. Policy 5131.911 – Hazing – Bullying – The subcommittee briefly continued discussion from the previous meeting regarding the State's revised definition of bullying that was added correctly in the new recommended policy. It was confirmed that the revised definition and policy no longer include the language "damage to personal property."

Motion: To move Policy 5131.911 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 7000 - Concepts and Roles in Planning for Educational Facilities – Eric Alviti (community member) presented a proposal to rename Rebel Turf after an accomplished coach/resident. Subcommittee members discussed moving the proposal to the full Board for approval, and the possibility of discussion in executive session, in order to not disclose the name of the resident prior to Board approval.

Motion: To move the discussion of renaming of a facility on behalf of an individual pursuant to Policy 7000 before the full Board in executive session regarding a personnel matter.

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Stephanie Strazza

Recording of Vote: All in favor

V. OTHER – none

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Samantha Mannion
Recording of vote: All in favor

Seconded by: Kathy Baker
Meeting adjourned at: 8:36 p.m.