

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Special
Date of Meeting: 11/20/24 Place of Meeting: Zoom
Members present: Kathy Baker, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion
Members absent:
Other attendees: Ken Craw, Kris Woleck, James D'Amico
Minutes submitted by: Kim LaTourette
Meeting Access: Policy Subcommittee (11/20/24 at 7:00 p.m.)
Web: <https://zoom.us/j/98383618014> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 983 8361 8014

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 23, 2024 – Regular

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 23, 2024, meeting as presented

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Amy Johnson

Recording of Vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Policy 6146 – Graduation Requirements

Dr. Craw and Dr. Woleck spoke about the three areas that will be updated in this policy, due to legislative changes that need to be put in place. They were also able to remove parts that were irrelevant, for example, the years in the policy had passed. One language change is "Vision of a Learner." Students need to take the personal finance class and can have a choice as to where they will apply it. It is one half credit. Kris and James will work together to discuss and possibly change the SEE project.

B. New Fairfield High School Parking Guidelines

Motion: To move this item to Action Item III.B. and then will come back to Evaluation of the Superintendent.

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kim LaTourette

Recording of Vote: All in favor

Mr. D'Amico spoke about unregistered vehicles being on campus, such as out of state plates. Parking is offered per semester. Students must upload a picture of their CT license, as well as their CT registration. A draft for an updated version was presented.

C. Policy 3517.1 - Identification Badges

Dr. Craw mentioned our discussion last spring in regard to students wearing ID badges. Questions were brought to Ken's attention about the practice at the HS matching what our policy actually says. They have been required to have them on them and be able to display them when asked. There was some discussion about whether or not the high school students should be required to wear them or not. This committee will not take any action on this policy tonight. The policy will remain the same as previously written.

D. Policy 2400 - Evaluation of the Superintendent

Samantha worked with Dr. Craw and Gail DeFeo to update this policy. The instructions stayed the same besides the current date/year. Samantha shared information about the updated evaluation form. Section C - changed some wording, specified safe and secure, took out an item that was not the Superintendent's role. Section D - reworded relationship with other boards in town, the Superintendent will make sure budget is responsibly managed....E - added E10, residency, F - relationship with the board, the Supt does not always need to provide the board information about every ongoing case, or can't always provide information for legal reasons...The annual district

goals will change every year. An adjustment will be made to some of the bullets. The evaluation summary has stayed the same.

2400 - Evaluation; a change will be made and put in place that BOE members may only participate in person to evaluate the Superintendent at the annual evaluation meeting.

Motion: To move Policy 6146 - Graduation Requirements to the full Board for consideration

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kim LaTourette

Recording of Vote: All in favor

Motion: To move the instructions, updated evaluation form with the changes to section I as discussed, the district goals for 2024-2025, and Policy 2400 with the changes as discussed to the full board for consideration. *Samantha and/or Ken will share changes with Gail. Policy 5114 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process to the full Board for consideration

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kimberly LaTourette

Recording of Vote: All in favor

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. New Fairfield High School Parking Guidelines – This item was discussed under ACTION ITEM III.B.

V. OTHER - Updates for the cell phone policy, residency, suspension/expulsion, and the ID badges as Ken feels appropriate.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at: 8:13 p.m.