



Board of Education – Special Policy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Bloomfield Board of Education, Board Room
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002

ATTENDANCE: F. Bogle-Assegai, Chair Present
T. Moore Present
H. Frydman Absent

ALSO PRESENT: L. Easmon K. Dunbar L. Simone
B. Silver D. Greco J. Titelbaum
E. Pierce A.M. Cullinan

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

F. Bogle-Assegai called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Policy Committee – May 28, 2024

B. Approval of Minutes – Special Policy Committee – August 20, 2024

A motion was made by T. Moore and seconded by F. Bogle-Assegai for the Policy Committee to approve the meeting minutes listed under the consent agenda, as presented.

F. Bogle-Assegai Aye
T. Moore Aye

The motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.

3. Old Business

A. Policies for a Second Reading

1. Title IX: Sexual Harassment – 4000.1 (Personnel)/5145.44 (Students)

Dr. Bethany Silver, Interim Superintendent, presented a second reading of policy 5145.44. She noted this is a complete rewrite of this policy in compliance with the 2024 Title IX Final Rule, released by the U.S. Department of Education on April 19, 2024, which went into effect on August 1, 2024. This revised policy contains new definitions, protections, and procedures. The revisions are recommendations from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE).

A motion was made by T. Moore and seconded by F. Bogle-Assegai for the Policy Committee to recommend to the Board of Education a second reading of policy 4000.1(personnel)/5145.44(students) – Title IX: Sexual Harassment.



F. Bogle-Assegai Aye
T. Moore Aye

The motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.

2. Graduation Requirements – 6146

Dr. Bethany Silver, Interim Superintendent, presented a second reading of policy 6146. She noted the only change to this policy is moving the language regarding current graduation requirements to the front of the policy.

A motion was made by T. Moore and seconded by F. Bogle-Assegai for the Policy Committee to recommend to the Board of Education a second reading of policy 6146 – Graduation Requirements.

F. Bogle-Assegai Aye
T. Moore Aye

The motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.

3. Exemption from Instruction – 6144.1

Dr. Bethany Silver, Interim Superintendent, presented a second reading of policy 6144.1 – Exemption from Instruction. She noted there is currently no policy in place that allows for a process to exempt students from curriculum.

The policy noted that a written request from a parent or guardian must be received by the school district prior to instruction to permit exemptions in the areas outlined in the policy.

Any student excused from any aspect of the curriculum may be required by the teacher to complete an alternative assignment.

A motion was made by T. Moore and seconded by F. Bogle-Assegai for the Policy Committee to recommend to the Board of Education a second reading of policy 6144.1 – Exemption from Instruction.

F. Bogle-Assegai Aye
T. Moore Aye

The motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.

4. New Business

A. Policies for an Initial Reading

1. Bullying Behavior in Schools – 5131.911

Dr. Bethany Silver, Interim Superintendent, noted the name for this policy will be Connecticut School Climate Policy and is a complete language and cultural shift. This is a required policy change under Public Act 11-232, An Act Concerning the Strengthening of School Bullying Laws.



The language in this policy was provided by Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE).

The policy set forth the framework for effective school climate improvement process. It provides definitions, responsibilities, and strategies for optimizing positive school environments.

2. Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth – 5145.53

Dr. Bethany Silver, Interim Superintendent, presented a first reading of Policy 5145.53. This policy was last updated in June of 2018. The updated language and definitions are in alignment with the current state statutes.

5. Adjournment

At 7:42 p.m., a motion was made by T. Moore and seconded by F. Bogle-Assegai to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.

F. Bogle-Assegai, Chair