

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 12/9/20
Members present: Kathy Baker, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan, Stephanie Strazza
Members absent: Other attendees: Dr. Pat Cosentino
Minutes submitted by: Rick Regan
Place of Meeting: Policy Subcommittee (12/9 at 7 p.m.) Web: <https://zoom.us/j/91444406697>
Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 914 4440 6697

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 18, 2020 - Regular

Motion: To approve the minutes of November 18, 2020, as presented

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kathy Baker

Recording of Vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Bylaw 9200 – Number of Members and Terms of Office – Tabled pending review by Town Clerk.

B. Bylaw 9221 – Filling Vacancies – Multiple changes to the policy to reflect grammar corrections and change to “the actual date of vacancy. if no date is so specified,…” A news article announcing the vacancy must be released to the local newspaper in New Fairfield. The article must contain procedures for filling it, and the date it is to be acted upon. ~~must be released to the local and daily newspapers of wide circulation paper in New Fairfield.~~ Concurrently, the vacancy will also be posted on the main page of the district and school website. Unaffiliated candidates are only required to submit a letter to the Board. If it is a regular meeting, the vote will take place at the end of the meeting. Only If the Board cannot reach a decision within 30 days, the decision will be governed by State Statute.

C. Bylaw 9222 – Resignation/Removal from Office/Censure - Changes to reflect grammar changes.

D. Bylaw 9230 – Orientation of New Board Members - Opening paragraph – eliminate A new member; 3 – add electronic copies; change to board member, superintendent.

E. Bylaw 9250 – Remuneration and Reimbursement - Board of Education members should not be compensated for their services.

F. Bylaw 9260 – Board Member Protection - Change to read “loss to other property, or general liability incurred in his/her role of a BOE member and hold harmless” Table pending attorney review.

G. Bylaw 9270 – Conflict of Interest - First paragraph - To avoid the appearance of impropriety; 1 – “or supplies to the district.”; 3 - The Board shall not give preferential treatment to companies in where town officials are employed or have a major financial interest.; 6 – add comma – “the school district, the office to …”

H. Bylaw 9271 – Code of Ethics - Change to priorities and needs of the community ~~staff understands the aspirations and desires of the community.~~ 7 - “Not to manage the school district, but to ensure that they are well run through effective policies” 12 - Add – “Respect confidentiality of executive session and hold…”

Motion: To move all bylaws forward to the full Board for approval

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Stephanie Strazza

Recording of Vote: All in favor.

Motion: To table Bylaw 9200 and Bylaw 9260, with all others moving forward, and to bring Bylaw 9200 to the Town Clerk for review and will move forward if the Town Clerk agrees with our changes.

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Stephanie Strazza

Recording of Vote: All in favor

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Bylaw Review – Kathy Baker will review the next batch of bylaws.

V. OTHER - None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Kathy Baker

Seconded by: Samantha Mannion

Recording of vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at: 8:38 p.m.