



Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2023

The minutes presented within this document are a summary of the discussion that took place at the Policy Committee Meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety please go to: [Aug. 23, 2023 Policy Meeting Recording](#).

A meeting of the Bristol Board of Education Regular Policy Committee was held on August 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 36 of the Bristol Board of Education and via the Zoom Meeting Platform.

PRESENT: Committee members: Shelby Pons, Kristen Giantonio

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Michael Dietter, Dr. Catherine Carbone. Commissioners also present: Jennifer Dube, Maria Simmons, Lorianne Osenkowski

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Commissioner Giantonio, seconded by Commissioner Pons, the minutes were approved from July 26, 2023.

3. Public Comment:

There was no public comment this evening.

4. Discussion Item - Summary report of commissioner questions related to discipline/recess:

Dr. Dietter spoke to this discussion item. Our current policy is compliant. He also requested the Cabe model policy which he spoke to later on in the meeting. He gave all of the statute information to the Administrators to review as part of their Back to School reminders and checklists with their staff in preparation for the 22-23 SY. Dr. Dietter had also sent out a survey to our Administrators to find out about recess restriction and/or using it as a punishment. It is only used if there is physical danger to the child and/or others. There was an instance where recess was delayed in a classroom to review the rules before continuing with the recess. Also, when asked about holding food as a punishment, all Administrators answered No to that question.

5. Discussion Item - Legislative Summary 2023:

Dr. Dietter spoke about the 18 pages of Statute/Policy Implications. There were 5 statute changes that were reviewed -Kindergarten entry age change, Bullying School Climate, Restorative practices and response (we are ahead on this item), Addressing suicide risk - Jan. 2024 there will be a list of assessments for screening students and finally Anti Discrimination - Age protected class.

6. Discipline and Recess Model Policy 5144.4 - Possible Action Item:

This model policy was reviewed with the committee and it was recommended to add this item onto the Policy Agenda for next month for continued review and comparison to our current policy.

7. HB 6822 - Discussion Item:

Dr. Dietter reviewed this item and stated that we are in compliance with having any associated documents that may be reviewed by members of the board at such meetings and post such agenda and documents on the Internet website of such board. Our documentation such as agendas and attachments are posted on our BPS website for public viewing, BoardBook for the public viewing, and sent in emails to the board members prior to the meetings. He also reviewed how to access the agenda items on the BOE public calendar for each meeting that is held at the Board of Education.

8. Menstrual Products - Discussion Item:

Bristol Public Schools currently provides sanitary napkins. The Bristol Burlington Health District is aware of tampon distribution and the legislation for the need to provide them by 2024. This item was recommended to be added to the Policy Agenda for next month.

9. Adjournment:

The Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. by Commissioner Pons.

Submitted by:

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