

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT

Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 11/13/19 Place of Meeting: Central Office conf. rm.
Members present: Greg Flanagan, Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan
Members absent:
Other attendees: Patricia Cosentino, Ed Sbordone (left 7:25 p.m.)
Minutes submitted by: Rick Regan

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 28, 2019 - Special

Motion: To approve the minutes of October 28, 2019, as presented

Made by: Rick Regan Seconded by: Greg Flanagan

Recording of Vote: All in favor

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Policy 5131.911 - Hazing – Bullying - Samantha Mannion noted that the policy as written by CAFE omits parts of the new statute, in particular the language concerning damage to personal property and disruption to education. Dr. Cosentino will investigate and will report back next meeting.

Motion: To table policy 5131.911

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Greg Flanagan

Recording of Vote: All in favor

B. Policy 5141.214 - Student Sunscreen Use -There was discussion on whether to remove the recommendation of an SPF level and whether it is appropriate for staff to help younger children apply sunscreen. No changes to the policy as presented were made.

Motion: To move policy 5141.214 as presented to the full Board for approval

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Greg Flanagan

Recording of Vote: All in favor

C. Policy 5144.4 – Discipline - Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students - There was discussion on the wording of the policy, in particular on whether it was expressing the desired intent. No changes to the policy as presented were made.

Motion: To move policy 5144.4 as presented to the full Board for approval

Made by: Greg Flanagan

Seconded by: Samantha Mannion

Recording of Vote: All in favor

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Policy 6172.3 - Educational Instruction under Parental Direction (Home Schooling) – Samantha Mannion presented her research regarding this policy, which entailed getting the opinion of board counsel and looking for similar policies in CT, NY, and other states. She did not find any CT districts with a similar policy, although there were several in NY – and laws in about ten other states requiring it. The committee agreed that this policy is good in principle, as it allows homeschooled children to maintain a connection with our district, and provides a service to taxpaying home school families. The concern is about liability for unenrolled students, who are not covered by our insurance. Dr. Cosentino will look into whether insuring unenrolled students is feasible. Parents Amy and Bill Tozzo participated in the discussion. We will discuss this again at our next meeting.

V. OTHER

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

Seconded by: Greg Flanagan
Meeting adjourned at: 8:01 p.m.