

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Regular
Date of Meeting: 3/25/26 Place of Meeting: Zoom
Members present: Kathy Baker, Amy Johnson, Kimberly LaTourette, Samantha Mannion
Members absent:
Other attendees: Ken Craw, Kris Woleck, Allyson Story, Monika Krepstul
Minutes submitted by: Kris Woleck
Meeting Access: Policy Subcommittee (3/25/26 at 6:00 p.m.)
Web: <https://zoom.us/j/95067154402> **Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 950 6715 4402**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 25, 2026 - Regular

Motion: To approve the minutes of February 25, 2026, as presented

Made by: Amy Johnson

Seconded by: Kim LaTourette

Recording of Vote: All in favor

III. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

A. **Policy 5112.01 - Kindergarten Enrollment and Early Entry Waiver (2026-2027)** - In 2024, legislation came into effect that shifted the birthdate for entry into kindergarten to September. Recognizing that that was unanticipated by many families to have that mid-year shift, the state also included in that policy a waiver process for students who had birth dates between September and December of that incoming class year. The requirement is for districts to have a process for assessing students with those birthdates, to determine if, using early childhood standards, they are developmentally ready to enter kindergarten early. Just this past month, the state shared some revisions to this legislation that effective July of 2027, waivers will no longer be allowed. For the 2027-28 school year and beyond, all children must be 5 by September 1st and districts will no longer have the option to admit students under a waiver for early entry. For the 2026-27 school year, districts can continue to provide the waiver for early entry provided these students demonstrate criteria of readiness. Early childhood standards and developmental indicators were reviewed. Our district will continue with the current policy that we have in place through the 2026-27 school year for students to be admitted if they demonstrate criteria of readiness. In the fall of the 2026-27 school year, there will be model policy language that would remove the requirement for the waiver for the 2027-28 school year.

B. **Policy 5141.21 - Administering Medication** – Revisions to this policy are based on legislation in order to be current with the various methods of administration of Epinephrine, including automatic pre-filled cartridge injector or similar automatic injectable equipment, a nasal spray, or any other medical equipment for emergency first aid response to allergic reactions, and various methods to administer glucagon by means of an injector or injectable equipment, nasal spray, or other medical equipment for emergency first aid response to diabetes. It also addresses the use of an opioid antagonist, e.g. Narcan, for the treatment of a drug overdose.

Motion: To bring this policy to the full board for consideration

Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Amy Johnson

Recording of Vote: All in favor

IV. OTHER – none

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Kim LaTourette

Recording of vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at: 6:19 p.m.