

**BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA OF POLICY COMMITTEE**

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026 - 6:30 PM  
CITY HALL ROOM 305  
45 LYON TERRACE  
BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604**

1. **Approval of the Minutes Dated February 11, 2026.**
2. **Discussion and Possible Action on the Following CABE Recommended By-Laws - Meetings.**
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    - i. **Electronic Board of Education**
  - b. **Public and Executive Session 9322**
  - c. **Agenda Construction 9323**
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    - a. **Consent Agenda 9325.21**
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  - m. **Minutes 9326**
  - n. **Electronic Communications 9327**
  - o. **Board Member Use of Internet Social Networks 9327.1**
  - p. **Social Media Etiquette 9327.1**
3. **Discussion and Possible Development of Creating Policy on Restricted Access of Individuals with Prior On-Campus Arrests or Disruptive or Threatening Behavior on School Grounds.**
4. **Discussion and Possible Development of Creating Policy for the Evaluation of the Superintendent.**
5. **Discussion and Possible Development of Creating Policy for the “Lottery” of Interdistrict Magnet Schools.**
6. **Adjourn.**

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION, held February 11, 2026, at Bridgeport City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Present were Chair Andre Woodson and member Joseph Sokolovic. Board members Albert Benejan Grajales, Willie Medina, Robert Traber\*, and Maritza Estremera Jimenez\* were present. Committee member Lamond Daniels and board member Jennifer Perez\* arrived subsequently as noted.

(\*remote participation)

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

Mr. Sokolovic moved to approve the minutes of October 8, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodson and unanimously approved.

The next agenda items were on recommended policies.

Christopher Siano, assistant superintendent of human capital, said these were state-mandated that districts have to adopt. He said they are CABE model policies updated for Bridgeport.

Dr. Siano said the library material review and reconsideration policy allows for community members to challenge materials and outlines the process. He said the workaround for the lack of librarians in the district is to have the director of literacy supervise the process.

In response to a question, Dr. Siano said the process gives the committee time to review the materials and its full scope. Mr. Sokolovic suggested striking the reference to “regional board of education.”

Mr. Sokolovic moved “*to refer to the full board for approval, waiving the first and second read for immediate implementation, the library media policy number 6112, 1312.3.*” The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sokolovic requested the approved policies by the full board be put up immediately on the website.

Mr. Daniels arrived at the meeting.

Dr. Siano said the next policy outlines the process for library collection, development and maintenance of materials. He said the third library policy is a display and program policy.

M., Sokolovic moved *“to approve Policy 6161.13/1312.4 and Policy 6161.141312.5 concerning libraries’ display program, policy and maintenance to the full board for immediate approval, waiving the first and second read.”*

The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodson and unanimously approved.

The next agenda item was on the district’s security and safety plan regarding ICE. Dr. Siano said the guidelines were adopted by the board last year, although they are not official board policies.

Dr. Siano said any ICE agents who come into schools require a warrant. He said the district does not collect any information regarding immigration status per FERPA and other privacy laws. .

Dr. Siano said CUBE came out with a model policy. He said the board could adopt that policy. He said principals are well aware of the district policies, and they can contact the central office if there are questions.

In response to a question, Dr. Siano said the enrollment data of students is protected.

Mr. Sokolovic suggested codifying a policy as a board. Mr. Medina suggested taking our time with a policy instead of waiving the first and second read.

In response to a question, Dr. Siano said he would check with other districts to see if the CUBE policy has been adopted.

In response to a question, Dr. Siano said the district would have to abide by a court-issued warrant.

Mr. Benejan Grajales said he would not allow a Bridgeport student to be taken, and he would not permit it even if he was arrested.

In response to a question, Dr. Siano said he would ask legal counsel if there could be a requirement that all warrants be served through central office.

Mr. Traber said more professional development training with staff was needed. He said ICE has said it doesn't need judicial warrants, just administrative warrants. Dr. Siano said he could bring that to legal counsel for review.

Dr. Siano said central office should deal with ICE, and not have to put it on school staff. He said a lot of this is changing every day.

Mr. Woodson said he agreed we need to codify it, so it is accessible, and everybody knows the rules. Dr. Siano said we can ask about the role of security and SROs.

Margaret Hughes said principals all have our phone numbers. She said she has heard from them when ICE vehicles have been seen in the neighborhood. Dr. Siano said there has been no ICE activity at our schools, and our students and staff are safe.

Mr. Sokolovic said he would like to recommend this to the full board for a first read, and with the ability to bring it back to committee if needed.

Mr. Sokolovic moved to bring this to the full board for a first read. Ms. Cauchon noted the agenda did not call for action. Mr. Sokolovic said there is another avenue to refer the item to the full board.

The next agenda item was on CABE-recommended bylaws.

Dr. Siano said these are more a discussion for the committee, although he was here as a resource.

Mr. Sokolovic moved *“to approve 9130 on committees, 9132 and 9133, with the recommendation to waive the first and second read for immediate implementation.”* The motion was seconded by Mr. Daniels.

There was a discussion of the timeline for establishing committees.

Mr. Sokolovic moved *“to amend the motion to say the membership of the committees shall be*

*established by the chairperson no later than the first regularly scheduled meeting in January.”*

Mr. Traber suggested language.

Mr. Woodson seconded the amendment.

Mr. Daniels said he was not a fan of having it so prescriptive. Mr. Sokolovic said the policy was meant for boards of education in the future.

The amendment was approved by a vote of 2-1. Voting in favor were members Woodson and Sokolovic. Mr. Daniels was opposed.

There was a discussion on Policies 9132/9133, standing committees, including the language to be used.

Ms. Perez\* joined the meeting.

Mr. Sokolovic moved *“to amend 9132/9133 as presented by striking the words ‘at the end of board’s year’ from number five; and also removing under the heading ‘ad hoc committees’ and striking the word ‘special’ on line 1 and adding the words ‘ad hoc’ for immediate*

*implementation.*” The motion was seconded by Mr. Daniels and unanimously approved.

The main motion as amended was unanimously approved.

The next agenda item was on the code of ethics, 9271. Ms. Perez said the board training recommended we establish how we conduct ourselves.

Mr. Sokolovic moved “*to refer to the full board for approval Policy number 9271 as presented, waiving the first and second read for immediate implementation.*” Mr. Daniels seconded the motion.

Mr. Sokolovic moved “*to amend to make a correction from ‘qualify’ to ‘quality.’*” The amendment was seconded by Mr. Daniels and unanimously approved.

There was a discussion about requesting data as a board, not an individual. Mr. Sokolovic said the board meets twice a month, so any request for data would require a board vote under this policy.

In response to a question, Ms. Cauchon said this is a CAFE model policy. Ms. Perez said she believed the intention of the language is to relate requests to board business as opposed to random questions from a board member that take staff time.

Mr. Sokolovic suggested language indicating that if board members request data other than agenda items that it be routed through the chair. He said it would be similar to requesting legal advice from counsel because it would cost staff time.

There was further discussion of proposed language.

Mr. Sokolovic moved “*to amend Item 2 as read by Ms. Cauchon.*” The amendment was seconded by Mr. Daniels and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sokolovic suggested adding “approval of the budget” to bullet three.

Mr. Sokolovic moved “*to amend bullet 3 by striking the word ‘and’ before ‘evaluation,’ and adding the words ‘of the superintendent, and*

*approval of the budget.”* The motion was seconded by Mr. Daniels and unanimously approved.

The main motion as amended was unanimously approved.

The next agenda item was on a board report card to assist in evaluation of board members.

Ms. Estremera Jimenez said she brought this up as a result of discussions with CABE.

Ms. Perez said she could speak to Mr. Goeler of CABE about this and ask if there are model policies in this area.

There was a discussion of the topic, including of retreats and trainings.

Mr. Sokolovic said there could be FOIA implications of evaluating each other. He said if he was evaluated, he would insist it be done in public. He said the process could be abused for political purposes. He said the voters can hold us accountable.

Mr. Medina asked Ms. Perez to inquire of the appropriate time frame for such evaluation.

Mr. Sokolovic moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daniels and unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John McLeod

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