



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Policy Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Bloomfield Board of Education 1133 Blue Hills Avenue Board Room, 1133 Blue Hills Avenue ,  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

1. Call to Order
2. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approval of Minutes - Policy Committee - October 28, 2014 2  
L. Mara
3. New Business
  - A. Summary of CABA Policy Audit
  - B. Silver and W. Guzman
4. Adjournment



**BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

**ATTENDANCE:** L. Mara, Chair Present  
H. Frydman Present  
Q. Johnson Present

**ALSO PRESENT:** D. Harris E. Stoltz B. Silver  
S. McCann E. Pierce J. Thompson  
W. Guzman W. Joslyn S. Simpson  
M. Williams M. Walters R. Ike  
J. Costa

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

L. Mara called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. A. Approval of Minutes – Policy Committee Meeting – September 23, 2014**

A motion was made by Q. Johnson and seconded by H. Frydman for the Policy Committee to approve the meeting minutes for September 23, 2014.

L. Mara Aye  
H. Frydman Aye  
Q. Johnson Abstain

The motion passed with a majority vote.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion about Successes, Challenges and Opportunities for Bloomfield Public Schools: Policy Implications**

In continuation of the discussion about the future of Bloomfield Public Schools, Dr. Bethany Silver initiated a conversation regarding policy implications. All members of the Policy Committee were present during the presentation by Jonathan Costa at the Curriculum Committee meeting. Dr. Silver commented that the policy changes would be discussed following any final decisions regarding the configuration of Bloomfield Public Schools. The majority of the policies affected would be contractual language regarding working conditions and would be discussed with the bargaining unit leaders.

Other potential impacts would be changes in class sizes to accommodate any grade reconfigurations.



Mr. Costa commented there has been a resurgence of the K-8 model; however some research shows this model actually has the opposite effect on school climate. That is not currently one the options being presented.

M. Williams asked if research could be provided regarding the impact of grade transitions in relation to child development.

The Choice Model, option #3 as shown on page 4 of the PowerPoint presentation, would require a policy to determine how school “choice” selections would be made.

One committee member requested an update on policy compliance regarding concussion planning at the next Policy Committee meeting.

H. Frydman commented that the committee was to revisit the harassment policy as it relates to teachers and looking at the need for dental education. Dr. Thompson stated he would follow-up on the request.

Dr. Bethany Silver commented that the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) is currently conducting an audit of the Bloomfield Public School’s policy manual. The audit will provide information such as policies which are not in compliance with legislative requirements or are considered out-of-date. The results will be available in November of 2014 and will later be reported to the Policy Committee.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:28 p.m., a motion was made by L. Mara and seconded by H. Frydman to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

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L. Mara, Chair