



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Policy Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, April 28, 2015

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

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order
2. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes - Policy Committee - March 31, 2015 2
L. Mara
3. Old Business
 - A. Phase I Policies - Review for Second Reading
B. Silver and W. Guzman
4. New Business
 - A. Policies for Initial Reading
B. Silver and W. Guzman
 1. No. 5141.7 - Concussions
B. Silver and W. Guzman
 2. No. 3160 - Board Budget Procedures and Line Item Transfers
B. Silver and W. Guzman
 3. No. 4118.234 - Psychotropic Drug Use
B. Silver and W. Guzman
5. Adjournment



BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 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: J. Thompson S. Simpson M. Williams
D. Harris W. Guzman S. McCann
M. Walters S. Braun R. Ike
W. Joslyn E. Stoltz B. Silver

1. CALL TO ORDER

L. Mara called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2. A. Approval of Minutes – Special Finance Committee Meeting – March 3, 2015

A motion was made by H. Frydman and seconded by Q. Johnson for the Policy Committee to approve the meeting minutes for October 28, 2014 as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3. A. Findings of the CABE Audit of the Bloomfield Schools Policy Manual

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) completed an audit of the Bloomfield Board of Education policies in November of 2014. In review of the 85 policies, they rated the policies as fair. The policies are currently lacking 15 policies mandated by law.

From their recommendations, there are 17 other policies that need modification. In addition, there are 32 existing policies that need updated on legal references (state or federal law). Further, CABE suggests a revamping of the categorization- specifically noting the omission of the 0000 series titled Mission, Goals and Objectives, the 2000 series for administration and 7000 series for construction. These have all been recommended to add. The renumbering would also align with CABE.

The committee suggested updating in three phases:

- I. Mandated by law
- II. 17 policies that require modification
- III. Suggested or recommended as good practice



Of the policy suggestions, Policy 4117.3 does not apply as the union contract has provisions that meet the requirements.

An outline of Phase I policies was presented to the Policy Committee for review. First, CABE provided suggested language for these policies. The “sample” policies were distributed to administrative staff to review and adjust to reflect Bloomfield practice. L. Mara noted that we are often practicing these policies but they are not on the books.

One attendee asked what we will do in the future to ensure we are updating the Board policies regularly. Dr. Silver noted that CABE sends regular suggested updates and the district subscribes to a quarterly policy update.

It was noted that CABE is not a regulatory body; but they are an advisory body. The suggested amended language is good information relative to policy and practice.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4. A. CABE Audit Phase I Policies

A motion was made by H. Frydman and seconded by Q. Johnson to recommend a first reading of the Phase I Policies to full Board of Education.

The motion was passed unanimously.

L. Mara suggested that after reviewing the policies to send recommendations for the committee to her before the next regular Board meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:29 p.m., a motion was made by H. Frydman and seconded by Q. Johnson to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

L. Mara, Chair