



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Policy Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, January 26, 2016

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 Meeting - October 27, 2015 2
R. Coleman-Mitchell
3. Old Business
 - A. Proposal to Eliminate Policy 5141 - Immunizations
W. Guzman
4. New Business
 - A. Policies Ready for Substantive Board Review
 1. Bullying Behavior in School - 5131.911
W. Guzman
 2. Attendance, Excused Absences and Truancy - 5113.2
W. Guzman
 3. Use of School Facilities - 1330
W. Guzman
 - B. Safe School Climate Plan
W. Guzman
5. Adjournment



BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 7:00 P.M.
Bloomfield Board of Education
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Board Room

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

ALSO PRESENT: J. Thompson W. Joslyn E. Pierce
D. Harris W. Guzman S. McCann
R. Ike M. Walters S. Simpson
B. Silver R. Coleman-Mitchell S. Braun
S. Oliver *intern*

1. CALL TO ORDER

H. Frydman 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 - Policy Committee – September 29, 2015

A motion was made by Q. Johnson and seconded by H. Frydman for the Policy Committee to approve the meeting minutes from September 29, 2015, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3. A. Policies for Second Reading

Mr. Guzman and Dr. Silver distributed a packet for the committee. The packet contains policies #1-6 on the agenda being presented for a second reading and policies listed under 4A presented for an initial reading.

There was an amendment at the last meeting regarding the change of language for the Security Check/Fingerprinting policy. This change is reflected in the packet provided at this meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4. A. Policies for Initial Reading

Mr. Guzman and Dr. Silver presented two policies for the committee’s recommendation to the board, for a first reading: Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect and Administering Medication – Students.



The first policy regarding child abuse and neglect has new language to reflect the new Public Act No. 15-205 approved July 2, 2015.

Mr. Guzman noted that the regulations are more detailed to align with Public Act No. 15-205. For instance, as of January 1, 2016 a rapid response team must be created to handle and ensure the proper reporting of child abuse and neglect allegations. The language used for the regulations were recommended as part of the CABE policy audit.

The second policy, Administering Medication – Students, language was changed to reflect Public Act No. 15-215 approved on June 30, 2015. The revisions reflect changes to the educational statues such as administering antiepileptic medication. This policy has been reviewed by head nurse and district doctor.

A motion was made by Q. Johnson and seconded by H. Frydman to recommend to Board of Education for a first reading, the following policies:

- 5141.4 - Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect
- 5141.21 - Administering Medication - Students

The motion was passed unanimously.

A board member inquired about the fire drills in district. Mr. Guzman reported that the schools are mandated to have ten drills per year, three of which must be lockdown drills. The other seven are typically fire drills. The district reports these to the Department of Public Safety at the end of the year. The district drills are also monitored in partnership with the town police and Cynthia Fisher, the district Lead Security and Residency Officer.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:19 p.m., a motion was made by Q. Johnson and seconded by H. Frydman to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Harris, Board Chair