



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - POLICY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

Policy Committee Special Meeting AT Tuesday, April 25, 2017

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  
D. Banks
2. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approval of Minutes - Policy Committee Meeting - March 28, 2017 2  
D. Banks
3. New Business
  - A. Policies for Initial Reading  
W. Guzman and B. Silver
    1. Exploitation: Sexual Harassment - 5145.511
    2. Advertising and Promotion - 1325
4. Adjournment



**BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

**ATTENDANCE:** H. Frydman, Chair Absent  
Q. Johnson Present  
D. Banks Absent  
D. Harris (*ex-officio*) Present

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. Thompson W. Guzman B. Silver  
W. Casper E. Pierce R. Ike  
M. Walters N. Campagna (*intern*)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

D. Harris called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. A. Approval of Minutes –Policy Committee – January 24, 2017**

A motion was made by Q. Johnson and seconded by D. Harris for the Policy Committee to approve the meeting minutes from January 24, 2017, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**3. A. Policy for Initial Reading**

**1. Students Who Are Homeless – 5118.1**

Dr. Bethany Silver presented a new policy to the committee for an initial reading. The Students Who Are Homeless policy is required under the Every Student Succeeds Act and the McKinney-Vento Act under Title IX, Part A.

This policy states that students who meet the definition of “homeless” will be provided a free and appropriate public education. This new policy brings the “Homeless Students” policy into full compliance with the current Connecticut General Statutes.

Mr. Williams inquired if this policy applies to students who are over the age of eighteen. Dr. Silver stated she can investigate this questions.

Mr. Guzman noted that the purpose of this policy is to take away barriers that may have been there previously for students who are homeless.



Mr. Ike asked if there is a stigma associated with these students. Mr. Guzman noted that our Director of Student Support Services is our Homeless Liaison. She is responsible for ensuring the administrative regulations of this policy are met. Under FERPA, the student information is protected.

In addition, Dr. Silver added the district has Climate Specialists and Student and Family Assistance Centers to assist families who may need resources, if they are homeless.

Mr. Walters inquired what ESSA stands for and Dr. Silver noted, Every Student Succeeds Act (replaced the No Child Left Behind Act).

Mr. Williams asked for the definition of “Homeless” to be written out in the policy for the initial reading to the Board.

A motion was made by Q. Johnson and seconded by D. Harris for the Policy Committee to recommend to the full Board of Education an initial reading of policy 5118.1 - Students Who Are Homeless.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **2. School Nutrition and Physical Activity – 6142.101 (School Wellness Policy)**

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer, presented the School Nutrition and Physical Activity policy to the committee for an initial reading.

This policy is in compliance with federal and state law and was drafted with input from the district-wide Wellness Committee and from the Connecticut Association of Board of Education (CABE).

The intention is to have this policy adopted by July 1, 2017. The School Nutrition and Physical Activity policy requires the following elements: goal setting, review of the policy three years after adoption, public involvement and documented record keeping.

The State Department of Child Nutrition Programs unit will be conducting an audit in the near future. This enhancement of our existing School Wellness policy is in full compliance with state and federal laws.

A motion was made by Q. Johnson and seconded by D. Harris for the Policy Committee to recommend to the full Board of Education an initial reading of policy 6142.101 – School Nutrition and Physical Activity (School Wellness Policy).

The motion passed unanimously.



**4. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:09 p.m., a motion was made by Q. Johnson and seconded by D. Harris to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

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H. Frydman, Chair