



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Special Policy Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, October 24, 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
H. Frydman
2. Consent Agenda
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H. Frydman
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 - A. Policies for Second Reading
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 1. Attendance, Excused Absences, and Truancy - 5113.2
 2. Staff Development - 4131
 3. Health Assessments/Screenings - 5141.3
4. New Business
 - A. Policies for Initial Reading
W. Guzman and B. Silver
 1. Student Records: Confidentiality - 5125
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 3. School Fund Raisers - 3281.2
5. Adjournment



BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

ATTENDANCE: H. Frydman, Chair Present
Q. Johnson Absent
D. Banks Present

ALSO PRESENT: J. Thompson W. Guzman S. McCann
B. Silver A.M. Cullinan E. Pierce
W. Joslyn S. Simpson D. Harris
M. Walters R. Ike

1. CALL TO ORDER

H. Frydman called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2. A. Approval of Minutes –Policy Committee Special Meeting – May 23, 2017

A motion was made by D. Banks and seconded by H. Frydman for the Policy Committee to approve the meeting minutes from the May 23, 2017 special meeting, as presented.

H. Frydman Abstain
D. Banks Aye

The motion passed 1-0-1.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3. A. Policy for Initial Reading

3.A.1. Attendance, Excused Absences, and Truancy – 5113.2

Dr. Silver, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Performance presented a change to the existing policy regarding student Attendance and Excused absences.

The edit to this policy comes as a result of Public Act No. 17-14 which now excludes in-school suspension as a student absence. In-school suspension occurs during a normal school day, which includes student transportation to and from school, as well as adult supervision.

Dr. Silver reviewed that students would be noted as chronically absent when their absences were equal to or greater than ten per cent of the total number of school days enrolled.



A motion was made by D. Banks and seconded by H. Frydman to recommend to the full Board of Education, the initial reading of the policy 5113.2 – Attendance, Excused Absences and Truancy.

The motion passed unanimously.

3.A.2. Staff Development - 4131

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer presented a new policy regarding staff professional development.

This policy is to address the implementation of Public Act No. 17-37 regarding the recommendations for professional development and in-service training requirements for educators and Public Act No. 17-32 an act concerning human trafficking.

This new policy indicates that professional development should be aligned to the goals of the district and academic state standards. The new law requires eighteen (18) hours of embedded professional development focused on improving student learning. The act eliminates repetitive in-service training programs.

In compliance with PA 17-32, the Staff Development policy also includes training pertaining to human trafficking to those staff members who have contact with students. The initial educational training must be completed July 1, 2018.

A motion was made by D. Banks and seconded by H. Frydman for the Policy Committee to recommend to the full Board of Education an initial reading of policy 4131 – Staff Development.

The motion passed unanimously.

3.A.3. Health Assessments/Screenings – 5141.3

Mr. William Guzman presented a total revision of the Health Assessment/Screenings policy.

The new policy adheres to the states laws and regulations that pertain to school immunizations and health assessments. In addition, this policy addresses the requirement of the school district to provide written notice to the parent/guardian of each student found to have a defect of vision or disease of the eye during their vision screening.

This policy has been reviewed by Penny Maddy, the head nurse and is in accordance with the current practices of the district.



A motion was made by D. Banks and seconded by H. Frydman for the Policy Committee to recommend to the full Board of Education an initial reading of policy 5141.3 – Health Assessments/Screenings.

The motion passed unanimously.

In response to a question regarding field trips, Mr. Guzman mentioned the administrative regulations related to international field trips have been updated with the assistance of Ms. Nicola Poplin, Interim Principal at Global Experience Magnet School.

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:05 p.m., a motion was made by D. Banks and seconded by H. Frydman to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

H. Frydman, Chair