



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Policy Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, January 23, 2018

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. Bolton
2. Consent Agenda
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 - A. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Policy Committee - October 24, 2017 2
3. New Business
 - A. Policies for Initial Reading
W. Guzman and B. Silver
 1. School Volunteers - 1212
 2. School Visitors - 1250
4. Adjournment
D. Bolton



BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SPECIAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

H. Frydman called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2. A. Approval of Minutes –Policy Committee Meeting – September 26, 2017

A motion was made by Q. Johnson and seconded by D. Banks for the Policy Committee to approve the meeting minutes from the September 26, 2017 special meeting, as presented.

H. Frydman	Aye
Q. Johnson	Abstain
D. Banks	Aye

The motion passed 2-0-1.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3. A. Policies for Second 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. In-school suspension occurs during a normal school day and will no longer be counted as a student absence.

Mr. Frydman asked for Dr. Silver to share at the Board meeting, the school procedures when a student is absent from school.



A motion was made by Q. Johnson and seconded by D. Banks to recommend to the full Board of Education, a second reading of 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 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 policy indicates that professional development should be aligned to the goals of the district and academic state standards. The law requires eighteen (18) hours of embedded professional development focused on improving student learning.

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. In response to a board inquiry, Mr. Guzman noted that this training has not been finalized by the Department of Children and Families.

A motion was made by Q. Johnson and seconded by D. Banks for the Policy Committee to recommend to the full Board of Education a second 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 Q. Johnson and seconded by D. Banks for the Policy Committee to recommend to the full Board of Education a second reading of policy 5141.3 – Health Assessments/Screenings.



The motion passed unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4. A. Policies for Second Reading

4.A.1. Student Records: Confidentiality – 5125

Dr. Silver, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Performance presented an amendment to the existing policy. In accordance with PA 17-68, Section 4, the definition of “parent” is outlined. The revised policy defines access to records for parents who are incarcerated. This excludes certain situations such as where the parent has been convicted of sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault or such incarcerated parent is prohibited pursuant to a court order.

A motion was made by Q. Johnson and seconded by D. Banks for the Policy Committee to recommend to the full Board of Education an initial reading of policy 5125 – Student Records: Confidentiality.

The motion passed unanimously.

4.A.2. Physical Restraint and Seclusion – 5144.1

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer presented a policy regarding Physical Restraint and Seclusion. This policy is replacing the existing policy.

The original statute on restraint and seclusion required all staff members to be trained on physical restraint and seclusion of students. The revised statutes require only school personnel who are members of the school Crisis Intervention Teams to be trained and recertified on an annual basis.

Mr. Frydman inquired about the seclusion of students. Mr. Guzman shared that students in seclusion must be continually monitored by a school employee.

A motion was made by Q. Johnson and seconded by D. Banks for the Policy Committee to recommend to the full Board of Education an initial reading of policy 5144.1 – Physical Restraint and Seclusion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4.A.3. School Fund Raisers – 3281.2

Mr. William Guzman presented a new policy on school fund raisers, which is not required by any law but is good practice. This policy was created from a model policy provided by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE).

The policy specifically addresses the use of online fundraising campaigns, known as crowdfunding. This policy is an attempt by the district to put in place procedures for those who are using web-based services for the solicitation of goods. It also notes that the funds that are received are the property of the school district.



It was inquired how the district manages door-to-door fundraising from students. Mr. Guzman noted that we do have a policy and administrative regulations in place for fundraising. Mr. Guzman will review these at the next Principals' Conference to ensure that all fundraising opportunities are being preapproved by administration.

A motion was made by Q. Johnson and seconded by D. Banks for the Policy Committee to recommend to the full Board of Education an initial reading of policy 3281.2 – School Fund Raisers.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:45 p.m., a motion was made by D. Banks and seconded by Q. Johnson to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

H. Frydman, Chair