



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Policy Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, April 24, 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
 - A. Approval of Minutes - Policy Committee Meeting - March 27, 2018 2
D. Bolton
3. Old Business
 - A. Policy for a Second Reading
W. Guzman
 1. Graduation Requirements - 6146
4. New Business
 - A. Policies for Initial Reading
 - B. Silver
 1. Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth Students - 5145.53
5. Adjournment
D. Bolton



BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

ATTENDANCE: D. Bolton, Chair Present
H. Frydman Absent
R. Ike Present

ALSO PRESENT: J. Thompson W. Guzman W. Joslyn
S. Simpson D. Harris M. Walters

1. CALL TO ORDER

D. Bolton called the meeting to order at 6:54 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2. A. Approval of Minutes –Policy Committee Meeting – January 23, 2018

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Harris for the Policy Committee approve the minutes from October 24, 2017 special meeting, as presented.

D. Bolton Abstain
R. Ike Aye
D. Harris Aye

The motion passed 2-0-1.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3. A. Policies for a Second Reading

3.A.1. School Volunteers - 1212

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer presented a policy regarding school volunteers. This policy presented for a second reading, sets some limitations and conditions about who can volunteer in Bloomfield schools.

This policy establishes that volunteers are held to the same standards across the district and must adhere to school rules and regulations. Background checks must be completed on school volunteers.

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Bolton to recommend to the full Board of Education a second reading of the policy 1212 – School Volunteers.

The motion passed unanimously.



3.A.2. School Visitors – 1250

The second policy provides guidelines for school visitors. Mr. Guzman stated this policy ensures school visitors make an appointment with the principal to ensure school security.

P. Davis shared concerns as a parent accepting this policy. Ms. Davis stated that in certain situations, it may not be appropriate to receive preapproval by both the principal and teacher. It was recommended to amend the first sentence in paragraph two by adding the word “or” to read as follows: Visits to individual classrooms during instructional time shall be permitted only with the principals and/or the teacher’s approval.

Mr. Guzman stated they are not discouraging visitors, however, they must provide guidelines so that school safety is maintained and educational programs are not interrupted.

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Bolton to recommend to the full Board of Education a second reading of policy 1250 – School Visitors as amended, subject to attorney approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. B. Graduation Requirements Policy – Update

Public Act 17-42 implemented an increase in credit requirements for graduation to become effective for the graduating class of 2022-2023.

Mr. Harris inquired if the district can implement the 25 credits rather than the 23.4 current credit requirement. Mr. Guzman noted that adding credits will require additional teachers and classes, and have a financial impact on the district.

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Bolton to recommend to the Board of Education an initial reading of policy 6146, Graduation Requirements.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4. A. Communications – Update

Stan Simpson, Director of Strategic Communications and Planning shared a timeline of the district’s response to recent security related incidents. The communication includes notices to families, staff and district leadership.

The purpose for tracking communications is so that the district can streamline processes and find areas for improvement.

Recent communication tools include email correspondence to families, staff and Board members and robo calls to families.



4. B. 2017-2018 Academic Calendar – Proposed Changes

William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer presented the proposed academic calendar changes to the committee.

The current last day of school for the district is Friday, June 22, 2018 with the exception of Laurel. Due to an outage in October 2017, Laurel's last day is Monday, June 25, 2018.

The proposal is to eliminate the May 16, 2018 professional development day, making this a regular school day. The professional development day will be moved to Friday, June 22, 2018. The 180 instructional days would then conclude on Thursday, June 21, 2018.

One board member inquired how many contractual days the teachers have. Mr. Joslyn noted certified staff are contracted for 186 days. He also stated this proposed changed was approved by the teachers union, the Bloomfield Education Association.

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Bolton to recommend to the Board of Education approval of the amended 2017-2018 academic calendar, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 p.m., a motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Bolton to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Bolton, Committee Chair