



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Policy Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, May 22, 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
D. Bolton
 - A. Approval of Minutes - Policy Committee Meeting - April 24, 2018 2
3. Old Business
 - A. Policy for a Second Reading
B. Silver
 1. Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth Students - 5145.53
4. New Business
 - A. Policy for Initial Reading
W. Guzman
 1. Nepotism - 4112.8 and 4212.8
5. Adjournment



BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 24, 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
A.M. Cullinan B. Silver S. McCann
D. Harris T. Moore

1. CALL TO ORDER

D. Bolton called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2. A. Approval of Minutes –Policy Committee Meeting – March 27, 2018

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Bolton for the Policy Committee approve the minutes from March 27, 2017 meeting, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3. A. Policies for a Second Reading

3.A.1. Graduation Requirements - 6146

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer presented a policy regarding graduation requirements. Public Act 17-42 implemented an increase in credit requirements for graduation to commencing with the graduating class of 2023. The legislation delays the requirement of a minimum completion of twenty-five credits and will be implemented for the incoming freshman class of 2019-2020.

Page two of the policy shows a chart with the current law graduation requirements and those that will be in effect under PA 17-42.

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Bolton for the Policy Committee to recommend to the Board of Education a second reading of policy 6146, Graduation Requirements.

The motion passed unanimously.



4. NEW BUSINESS

4. A. Policies for an Initial Reading

4.A.1. Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth Students – 5145.53

Dr. Bethany Silver, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Performance, presented an initial reading of the policy. She noted that federal and state law requires that schools and school programs be free from discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. This policy provides definitions and guidelines for schools and district staff to address the needs of transgender and non-confirming students.

Dr. Silver further noted that this policy provides guidelines for emerging challenges such as restroom or locker room access, while still protecting the legal rights and safety of such students.

On page one of the policy, Dr. Silver noted the sentence, “needs of each transgender or non-conforming student must be assessed on a case-by-case basis.” Dr. Silver also noted this policy has been reviewed by school administration.

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Bolton for the Policy Committee to recommend to the Board of Education an initial reading of policy 5145.53, Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth Students.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:29 p.m., a motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Bolton to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Bolton, Committee Chair