



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Policy Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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 - January 22, 2019 2
D. Bolton
3. Old Business
 - A. Policies for a Second Reading
 1. Attendance, Excused Absences and Truancy - 5113.2
B. Silver
 2. Administering Medication - 5141.21
W. Guzman
4. Adjournment
D. Bolton



BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 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 S. McCann
B. Silver F. Burr A.M. Cullinan
E. Pierce D. Harris T. Moore
M. Walters C. Edwards, Intern

1. CALL TO ORDER

D. Bolton called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Bolton for the Policy Committee to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2018 regular meeting, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.A.1. Policy for a Second Reading

3.A.1. Physical Restraint and Seclusion/Exclusionary Time Out – 5144.1

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer, presented policy 5144.1 for a second reading.

The recommended changes are in compliance with State Statue P.A. 18-51 regarding exclusionary timeout. The amendments to the current policy define seclusion and an exclusionary timeout as two separate categories. The policy includes definitions of physical restraint, seclusion and exclusionary timeout.

This policy also includes the training requirements for staff who are members of the crisis intervention teams at each of the schools.

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Bolton to recommend to the full Board of Education, a second of policy 5144.1 – Physical Restraint and Seclusion/Exclusionary Time Out.

The motion passed unanimously.



4. NEW BUSINESS

4. A. Policy for an Initial Reading

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

Dr. Bethany Silver, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Performance, presented an update to current policy 5113.2.

The amendments to this policy include prevention plans for absenteeism and chronic absenteeism. At the monthly meetings with principals, they discuss absenteeism of specific students and plans to address chronic absenteeism. These meetings fulfill the requirements of the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Section 8 of the policy has been removed, as the Superior Court does not handle truancy at this time. Currently Bloomfield works with the Youth Service Bureau for cases of truancy.

In 2017-2018, the State of Connecticut chronic absenteeism rate was 15.3% and Bloomfield was 5.6%.

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Bolton to recommend to the full Board of Education, an initial reading of policy 5113.2 – Attendance, Excused Absences and Truancy.

The motion passed unanimously.

4.A.2. Administering Medication – 5141.21

Mr. William Guzman presented an amendment to the existing policy 5141.21, Administering Medication. These changes are in compliance with State Statute P.A. 18-185, Life Threatening Food Allergies.

Mr. Guzman noted that a prescription from a medical professional is required to permit the self administration of an asthmatic inhaler or EpiPen.

The revised policy also requires school bus drivers to be trained in recognizing and handling life-threatening allergic reactions by June 30, 2019. Mr. Guzman stated the bus companies are prepared to provide this training.

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Bolton to recommend to the full Board of Education, an initial reading of policy 5141.21 – Administering Medication.

The motion passed unanimously.



5. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:14 p.m., a motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Bolton to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Bolton, Chair