



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Policy Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, May 28, 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 Meeting - April 23, 2019 2  
D. Bolton
3. Old Business
  - A. Policies for a Second Reading
    1. Age of Attendance - 5112  
B. Silver
    2. Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers - 4212.42  
B. Silver
4. Adjournment  
D. Bolton



**BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

**ATTENDANCE:** D. Bolton, Chair Absent  
H. Frydman Absent  
R. Ike Present  
D. Harris *ex officio* Present

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. Thompson W. Guzman S. McCann  
B. Silver E. Pierce S. Simpson  
A.M. Cullinan M. Walters K. Redd-Hannans, Intern

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

D. Harris called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. A. Approval of Minutes –Policy Committee – March 26, 2019**

A motion was made by D. Harris and seconded by R. Ike for the Policy Committee to approve the minutes from March 26, 2019 regular committee meeting, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**3. A. Policies for an Initial Reading**

**3.A.1. Age of Attendance – 5112**

Dr. Bethany Silver, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Performance presented the initial reading of policy 5112 - Age of Attendance. The policy specifies the ages of attendance of children. Children aged five years and older and under eighteen, are required by Connecticut law to attend public school or its equivalent in the district in which the child resides.

Parents or guardians must consent for children who are sixteen or seventeen years of age to withdraw from the school district. Dr. Silver referenced the third paragraph, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), by which the district shall work with local child welfare agency and different community organizations to ensure that children come to school and parents are advised of what programs are being offered at schools.

Section 3 of the policy gives the parent of a child five years of age the option of not sending the child to school until the child is six years of age. The parent also has the option of holding the child of six years of age until the child is seven years of age. If a parent chooses this option, they must complete the form of



Acknowledgement of Option to Exempt attendance of child five or six years of age from school.

The final paragraph speaks to children nineteen years or older who may be placed in an alternative school program or other suitable program if they cannot acquire sufficient credits to graduate by age twenty-one.

Mr. Harris inquired what the major difference in what we currently have. Dr. Silver stated we have an attendance and truancy program policy that speaks to the types of excused and unexcused absences. This policy specifies the start age of attendance and forms for parents/guardians to complete to delay entry or withdraw a student. Mr. Harris also inquired when a parent can withdraw a student. Dr. Silver stated a parent must complete a form to withdraw a student aged seventeen or younger, but no consent is required at age eighteen.

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Harris to recommend to the full Board of Education, an initial reading of policy 5112 – Age of Attendance.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **3.A. 2. Drug and Alcohol Testing – 4212.42**

Mr. Guzman, Chief Operation Officer presented the initial Drug and Alcohol policy 4212.42. It was noted this policy applies to all bus and van drivers for drug and alcohol testing. There is ongoing random testing.

By June 30, 2019 the policy states that training is required for all bus and van drivers of school transportation in identifying the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, administering Epipen and notifying emergency personnel and reporting an incident involving a student life-threatening allergic reactions.

Mr. Guzman also referenced that by July 1, 2019 each bus carrier must provide training to new drivers and renewal of a public passenger endorsement to operate a school bus.

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Harris to recommend to the full Board of Education, an initial reading of policy 4212.42 – Drug and Alcohol Testing.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:16 p.m., a motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Harris to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

---

D. Bolton, Chair