



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Policy Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, January 28, 2020

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
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B. Silver
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D. Bolton



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Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

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

ALSO PRESENT: J. Thompson W. Guzman S. McCann
B. Silver J. Robinson E. Pierce
D. Harris M. Walters P. Davis
T. Moore

1. CALL TO ORDER

D. Bolton called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2. A. Approval of Minutes – Policy Committee Meeting – September 24, 2019

A motion was made by H. Frydman and seconded by D. Bolton for the Policy Committee to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2019 meeting, as presented.

D. Bolton Aye
H. Frydman Abstain

The motion passed 1-0-1.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3. A. Policies for a Second Reading

3.A.1. Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students – 5144.4

Dr. Bethany Silver, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Performance presented a second reading of policy 5144.4 – Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students.

This policy is being revised in compliance with Public Act 19-179, An Act Concerning The Improvement Of Child Development Through Play. The policy now includes language regarding time devoted for physical exercise or undirected play.

The policy also presents potential consequences for staff members who prevent students from participating in physical exercise or undirected play during wellness instruction as a form of discipline.



H. Frydman inquired if a parent request that a child does not participate in undirected play. It was noted the edits to the policy pertain excluding students from undirected play as a disciplinary measure. A parent request would be part of the administrative regulations.

A motion was made by H. Frydman and seconded by D. Bolton to recommend to the Board of Education a second reading of policy 5144.4 – Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students.

The motion passed unanimously.

3.A.2. Individualized Education Programs/Special Education Program Instruction - 6159

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer presented a second reading of policy 6159 - Individualized Education Programs/Special Education Program Instruction.

This policy is being revised in compliance with Public Act 19-49. The policy now includes transitional services for students who are at least fourteen years of age, and diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. The transitional services will include postsecondary goals related to training, education, employment and independent living skills.

Additional language throughout the policy was revised based on the model policy provided by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) including a reference to districts being unable to punish staff members for making recommendations during a PPT meeting.

A motion was made by H. Frydman and seconded by D. Bolton to recommend to the Board of Education a second reading of policy 6159 – Individualized Education Programs/Special Education Program Instruction.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4. A. Policy for an Initial Reading

4A.1. Conduct and Discipline – 5131

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer presented an initial reading of the revised policy 5131. These revisions are in compliance with state statute 19-91, Section 9.

Mr. Guzman noted the edits are located on page C of the policy. An expellable offense must meet two criteria. An offense must both be a violation of Board policy and be seriously disruptive to the educational process. Previously, the policy allowed for the offense to meet one of the two criteria.



It was further noted that the intent of the mandate is to reduce the number of expulsions.

P. Davis inquired the number of expulsions per year and how it would affect the district. Mr. Guzman noted the district averages 10-12 expulsions per year, and could potentially reduce the number of expulsions.

A motion was made by H. Frydman and seconded by D. Bolton to recommend to the Board of Education an initial reading of the revised policy 5131 - Conduct and Discipline.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:05 p.m., a motion was made by H. Frydman and seconded by D. Bolton to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Bolton, Chair