



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, April 25, 2023

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
J. Wilkerson
2. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes - Policy Committee Meeting - March 28, 2023 2
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3. Old Business
 - A. Policies for a Second Reading
W. Guzman
 1. Nondiscrimination (Certified/Non-Certified) - 4118.11/4218.11
 2. FAFSA Completion Program - 6148
4. Adjournment
J. Wilkerson



Board of Education – Policy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Bloomfield Board of Education, Board Room
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002

ATTENDANCE: J. Wilkerson, Chair Present
H. Frydman Absent
R. Ike Present

ALSO PRESENT: J. Thompson W. Guzman D. Nesmith
J. Titelbaum A.M. Cullinan L. Lamenzo
D. Harris L. Easmon F. Bogle-Assegai

1. CALL TO ORDER

Joseph Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes – Policy Committee Meeting – January 24, 2023

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by J. Wilkerson for the Policy Committee to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2023 meeting, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Policy for an Initial Reading

1. Nondiscrimination (Certified/Non-Certified) – 4118.11/4218.11

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer, presented policy 4118.11/4218.11 – Nondiscrimination (Certified/Non-Certified). This policy is a result of Public Act 22-82 which enacted several new protections to the existing policy.

This policy is a new policy to replace the current policy regarding discrimination. It is more detailed than the current policy as a result of new legislation. This is based on sample language provided by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE).

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by J. Wilkerson to recommend to the Board of Education for an initial reading of policy 4118.11/4218.11 – Nondiscrimination (Certified/Non-Certified).

The motion passed unanimously.



4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Policy for an Initial Reading

1. FAFSA Completion Program - 6148

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer, presented policy 6148 – FAFSA Completion Program. This policy change is the result of Public Act 21-199 and encourages districts to increase the completion rate of the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

The Connecticut State Department of Education will be publishing student FAFSA completion rates by each high school graduating class beginning in 2024.

The act notes that Connecticut students, eligible for college, fail to complete the FAFSA each year, resulting in the loss of funds that could help support their postsecondary education. The policy provides suggested strategies for schools to attain higher completion rates.

L. Easmon asked if language can be added to include high performing students as a targeted group under bullet #1 on page 2 of the policy.

D. Harris inquired what is the school's responsibility for completing the FAFSA. It was noted that workshops are held for families and the guidance counselors to speak directly with students.

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by J. Wilkerson recommend to the Board of Education an initial reading of policy 6148 - FAFSA Completion Program.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 p.m., a motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by J. Wilkerson to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

J. Wilkerson, Chair