

Minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Policy Subcommittee Meeting held on March 12, 2015, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, K. Brooks, C. Troetti, G. Lawlor

M. O'Brien, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 6:12 PM:

Present Board Members:

**Mr. Scott Clayton
Mrs. Kristen Lacey
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien
Mr. Larry Craybas, Ex-Officio**

Absent Board Members:

**Mr. William Duff
Mrs. Robin Renner**

Updated Attendance:

Mrs. Kristen Lacey was updated to present at: 6:18 PM

1. Policy/Regulation 6146 - Graduation Requirements

Dr. Carver and Mr. Troetti, Principal, BHS, spoke to the committee regarding the graduation requirements. The administration is concerned about the changes required by the State by 2020 will hinder students personalized learning.

CAS, CAPPS, say the legislation needs to be repelled. The legislation passed in 2008, and was delayed in 2011 to 2020. Mr. Troetti and Dr. Carver stated the legislation is very specific and includes end of course exams similar to the NY Regent Exams. Mr. Lawlor described the overlap of categories and indicated it is unclear what categories some current BHS courses fall into.

Alg II will be required for all students. Currently 35-45 seniors have not taken Alg II. An increase in staff will be needed for intervention support to meet this requirement. The science course requirement will include physical science. World Language requirement also increases. Currently 65 seniors have not taken more than one World Language credit. The State's Graduation Requirement Task Force made recommendations in 2012 but nothing has been done to address those recommendations. This legislation as currently written does not provide for those students that are not on the college track and does not provide for student personalized learning. This legislation is a step backwards.

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Mr. Clayton and Mr. Craybas said the Board of Education needs to contact the members of the Graduation Task Force and those that sponsored the legislation.

2. Policy 5141.4 - Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect

This policy was reviewed by the Board attorney and includes the recommended revisions. The committee discussed the revisions and recommended changes. Dr. Carver will consult with the Board attorney regarding revisions and bring the policy back to the full Board as recommended by the committee for approval and waiver of second reading.

3. Policy 5141.41 - Abuse or Neglect of Disabled Adults

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4. Policy 5114 - Suspension/Expulsion Due Process

New policy revisions are for committee's review. No action needed at this time.

5. Policy/Regulation 5141.5 - Prevention of Youth Suicide

This policy & regulation is for committee review at this time. No action needed at this time.

6. Policy/Regulation & Form 4118.5 - Responsible Use

This policy & regulation is for committee review at this time. No action needed at this time.

7. Audience Participation

None.

8. Adjourn

Discussion:
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder