

Minutes of the Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, in Board of Education Conference Room E, 1 School Street, PO Box 253, Bethel, CT 06801 and via Live Stream.

Attendance: None

Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, K. Brooks, J. Variale

K. DiBartolo, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Board Members Attendance:

Mr. Scott Clayton, Ex-Oficio:	<i>Absent</i>
Mrs. Kara DiBartolo:	Present
Mr. Bill Foster:	Present
Mrs. Jen Larsen:	<i>Absent</i>
Ms. Pat Rist, Alternate	Present

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1. First Reading

1.A. Policy 0521 - Non-discrimination Statement

Dr. Carver informed the committee the statement of non-discrimination has not been revised since 2005 and is aligned with Federal law. The regulation will be deleted, which covers investigations, which are covered in other policies, 4010.1 and 5145.42.

Move Policy 0521 - Non-discrimination Statement to the Board for a first reading. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Kara DiBartolo and a second by Ms. Pat Rist.

Mrs. Kara DiBartolo:	Yea
Mr. Bill Foster:	Yea
Ms. Pat Rist:	Yea

1.B. Policy 6123 - Use of Certified Therapy Dogs in Schools

Dr. Carver informed the committee the policy is being updated to reflect best practices when utilizing therapy dogs in schools. The policy was updated to include language about staff members that are trained handlers.

Move Policy 6123 - Use of Certified Therapy Dogs in Schools to the Board for a first reading. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Kara DiBartolo and a second by Ms. Pat Rist.

Mrs. Kara DiBartolo:	Yea
Mr. Bill Foster:	Yea
Ms. Pat Rist:	Yea

1.C. Bylaw 9325.43 - Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications

Dr. Carver informed the committee that the bylaw is being updated to reflect recent legal advice from the Board's attorney allowing for participation in executive sessions to be done electronically.

Move Bylaw 9325.43 - Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications to the Board for a first reading. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Kara DiBartolo and a second by Ms. Pat Rist.

Mrs. Kara DiBartolo: Yea

Mr. Bill Foster: Yea

Ms. Pat Rist: Yea

2. Second Reading

2.A. Policy 5114 - Student Discipline

2.B. Policy/Regulation 4118.112 - Regarding Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in The Workplace

2.C. Policy/Regulation 5145.42 - Prohibition of Sex Discrimination, Including Sex-Based Harassment

2.D. Policy 5131.911 - School Climate

Move the following policies to the Board for a second reading/approval. Policy 5114 - Student Discipline Policy/Regulation 4118.112 - Regarding Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment In The Workplace Policy/Regulation 5145.42 - Prohibition of Sex Discrimination, Including Sex-Based Harassment Policy 5131.911 - School Climate Passed with a motion by Mrs. Kara DiBartolo and a second by Ms. Pat Rist.

Mrs. Kara DiBartolo: Yea

Mr. Bill Foster: Yea

Ms. Pat Rist: Yea

3. New Business

Dr. Carver informed the committee she will review the legislative changes and any policy recommendations that have come out and if no changes are needed would like to continue policy review in the 4000 series where the committee has left off.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Adjourn

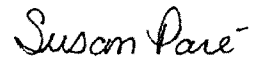
Move to adjourn at 6:41 PM. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Kara DiBartolo and a second by Ms. Pat Rist.

Mrs. Kara DiBartolo: Yea

Mr. Bill Foster: Yea

Ms. Pat Rist: Yea

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Pare
Board Recorder