

Minutes

Policy Committee Meeting
Waterford Board of Education
15 Rope Ferry Road
June 5, 2017

Present: Ms. Benvenuti, Mr. Merriman, Ms. Nazarchyk

Absent: none

Staff: Mr. Giard, Superintendent; Mr. Powers, Assistant Superintendent

Ms. Nazarchyk established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Motion: That the Policy Committee approve the minutes of May 1, 2017.
Benvenuti, Merriman: 3-0

Motion: That the Policy Committee amends the agenda to add a review of policy 1324 – Fundraising Activities to item 4.a., add a review of policy 6153 – Field Trips as item 4.b., and renumbers the rest of New Business accordingly.
Benvenuti, Merriman: 3-0

The committee first reviewed current policy 1324 – Fundraising Activities and the proposed revisions to the regulation. Discussion ensued about the type of fundraising that occurs at the schools, how organizations are vetted by administration and/or parent groups, and what percentage schools or groups receive from the fundraising activity. Mr. Powers will gather additional information and the committee will revisit this policy at the next regular meeting.

Current policy and regulation 6153 – Field Trips was reviewed next. Discussion occurred about how destinations are chosen and how it ties into the curriculum. The committee will revisit this policy at the next regular meeting and Mr. Powers will bring additional background information to examine.

Policy and regulation 4118.236/4218.236 – Social Media and Personal Online Accounts was revised to reflect changes in the law required by Public Act 15-6, “An Act Concerning Employee Online Privacy,” codified in Connecticut General Statutes § 31-40x. Among several other provisions, this new law prohibits employers from requiring employees or prospective employees to provide login and password information for personal online accounts and protects employees and prospective employees from retaliation for not providing such information to their employers. This policy has also been updated to include provisions for new types of technology and a section on crowd funding activities.

Minor revisions from legal counsel have been included in policy and regulation 5113 – Student Attendance. Additionally, Mr. Hauser has proposed language to clarify the high school absence policy related to course credit and weekend extra-curricular participation and the credit appeals process.

Regulation 5118.1 – Homeless Students includes the addition of language to sample letters and information has been added to sample affidavit.

The revisions to policy 5131.6 – Drug and Alcohol Use by Students contain some language from the existing regulation. With those changes, it is recommended that the regulation be removed.

New policy 5131.7 – Chemical Health for Student Athletes contains information that was previously in the regulation for 5131.6. Along with the recommendation that this becomes its own policy, minor revisions have been incorporated that relate to a provision from Public Act 16-23, An Act Concerning the Palliative Use of Marijuana, which provides that qualifying patients under the age of eighteen may be prescribed marijuana in certain situations and subject to restrictions.

Motion: That the Policy Committee adjourn its meeting at 6:43 p.m.
Merriman, Benvenuti: 3-0

Respectfully submitted,
Ms. Nazarchyk, Recording Secretary