

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, November 16, 2015**

**5:00 p.m.**

**School Administration Building, Room 5**

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Patricia Doyle, Mary Kelly, Katrina Fitzgerald

**Non-Committee Members in Attendance:**

Jay Weitlauf, Board Member

Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools

Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent

Don Meltabarger, Business Manager

Denise Doolittle, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Ms. Leah Hendricks, Director of VNA

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Pat Doyle.

**1. Review of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mrs. Fitzgerald and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve the minutes of October 5, 2015.

**PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. Discussion and possible action regarding a Concussion policy**

Ms. Austin described the process explaining that she worked with Marc Romano, Leah Hendrick, and Denise Doolittle; she looked at CABE and many other districts before working on a policy for Groton.

Marc Romano described CIAC standards. He noted that every Coach takes course; parent/student athletes meet and get information and sign up to participate.

Concussion Screening – Benchmark for every incoming athlete; athletic check by Trainer; significance of Concussion; research on-line screening; Ms. Kelly asked Marc Romano to review the signs of concussion; Katrina Fitzgerald questioned the Regulations on return to play after head injury.

This item was tabled until the next Policy Committee meeting for review again. Ms. Kelly stated that she needs more time to re-read the proposed policy before it is forwarded to the full Board for approval.

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked about helmets, shoulder pads – sent to stadium systems for check/tested; certified helmet.

**3. Discussion and possible action regarding revision to the policy P 5146 Police in the Schools**

A motion was made by Ms. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to forward policy P 5146 Police in the Schools to the full Board for approval.

**PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY**

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked if there is a similar policy for DCF.

**4. Discussion and possible action regarding the development of a Police in the Schools policy P 5146**

A motion was made by Ms. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to forward policy P 5146 Police in the Schools to the full Board for a first reading.

**PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. Referral List**

The Referral List was discussed.

A request was made to bring R2015-22 *Ways to advertise to generate funds toward the budget* to the next Policy Committee meeting.

A request was made to bring \$2015-28 *Discussion of the equitable distribution of funds for groups that need travel funds* to the next Policy Committee meeting.

**6. Future Meeting Topics:**

Concussion Policy  
Cardiac Arrest Policy

**7. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mrs. Fitzgerald and seconded by Ms. Kelly to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

**PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 7, 2016**