

Special Meeting Notes
BOE Policy Committee
December 6, 2018
Stonington High School Library Media Center
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Candace Anderson at 5:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

Board of Education Members: Jack Morehouse, Candace Anderson
Administrative Staff Members: Mary Anne Butler, Assistant Superintendent, and Allison Van Etten, Director of Special Services
Absent: Alisa Morrison

Approval of the Minutes from October 16, 2018

Motion to approve the minutes by J. Morehouse and seconded by C. Anderson, Motion Passes

Policy Revision 5144.1 (a-e) Restraint and Seclusion of Students and Use of the Exclusionary Time Out

Allison Van Etten reviewed the changes to the law and proposed corresponding Board policy specific to restraint and seclusion practices.

Highlights of the changes include:

- Restraint and seclusion no longer can be included in an IEP
- Exclusionary timeouts differentiated from seclusion
- All students are covered by the law and policy
- New seclusion room requirements (line of sight and locking mechanisms requirements)
- 4 incidents of restraint and or seclusion in 20 days triggers a requirement for a PPT
- A properly trained Crisis Intervention Team is a legal requirement and its membership must be communicated to all staff
- New reporting format and requirements via a portal to the state within 48 hours
- Training requirements for Crisis Team include a review of current law specific to restraint and seclusion, and training in de-escalation techniques. SPS uses the PMT model

M. Butler provided a reminder that a policy revision needs only one read.

Motion to approve revision to policy 5144.1 Restraint and Seclusion of Students and Use of the Exclusionary Time Out (a-e) by J. Morehouse, seconded by C. Anderson, Motion Passes

Motion to adjourn at 5:56 p.m. by C. Anderson, seconded by J. Morehouse, Motion Passes

Respectfully Submitted by: Mary Anne Butler, Assistant Superintendent