

LYME-OLD LYME SCHOOLS

Regional School District #18

A Private School Experience



in a Public School Setting

Policy and Communications Committee Meeting

February 11, 2020

Committee Members Present: Martha Shoemaker, Policy Chair; Suzanne Thompson, Communications Chair; Mary Powell St. Louis

Administration Present: Ian Neviasser, Superintendent of Schools

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The following agenda items were discussed:

1. School Day Policy

The wording in the current School Day policy was very outdated and not in line with new legislation. The committee reviewed two suggested versions of this policy recommended by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education. The committee chose version A and wordsmithed the policy. This revised policy will be brought to the Board of Education for their review at the March Board of Education meeting for a first reading.

2. School District Medical Advisor Policy

The committee reviewed the draft of the revised policy written by the District's Medical Advisor, Dr. Vijay Sikand. The committee wordsmithed the policy and added verbiage relative to the district hiring a State of Connecticut licensed physician holding appropriate medical malpractice insurance. This revised policy will be brought to the Board of Education for their review at the March Board of Education meeting for a first reading. The committee also suggested that this language be incorporated in the medical advisor contract when it is up for renewal.

3. Review of CABA Policy Updates

The committee reviewed the policy update summary recently submitted by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education. There was no action to be taken as CABA's update stated that no policy language changes were required from the information supplied.

4. Preparation of Budget Edition of Focus on Education Newsletter

The committee reviewed articles that will appear in the next edition of the *Focus on Education* newsletter (budget edition).

Mr. Neviaser will include information about the budget decrease, continued growth in enrollment, and projects that are near completion in the letter to the community. The committee also suggested the addition of an article highlighting the district's successes.

The deadline to get the articles to D2 Media is February 24.

Mrs. Thompson made a suggestion that the committee have a discussion on the various forms of communication that the district utilizes to ensure that a consistent message is being put forth to the community. This will be added to the March 2 agenda.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.