

Suffield Board of Education
Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
5.18.20 at 5:00 pm
via Zoom

Attendees: Debra Dudack, Susan Mercik Davis, Jamie Drzyzga, Brian Fry, Superintendent Timothy Van Tassel, Assistant Superintendent Michelle Zawawi, Middle School Principal Ken Smith, and High School Assistant Principal Ashley Eichorn.

Absent Subcommittee Members: Scott Lingenfelter

I. Call to Order: 5:04 pm

II. Policies for Review and Discussion:

1. **Policy and Regulation #1110.1 - Parent Involvement**: Subcommittee members revisited proposed changes to this policy. Superintendent Van Tassel informed members about requested legal advice on the changes, which was that the Board should feel comfortable moving forward with the changes if members feel they are in the best interests of students. Members clarified the language to ensure understanding that it applies to District- or teacher-initiated communication. The subcommittee decided to send the revised policy to the full Board for consideration on 30-Day Read.
2. **Policy #6174 - Summer Learning Academy**: Subcommittee members reviewed proposed language for a Summer Learning Academy to begin in the summer of 2021, which would provide academic intervention, credit recovery, GPA improvement, elective and enrichment options for students. Families would pay tuition for the programs. The subcommittee decided to send the proposal to the full Board for consideration on 30-Day Read.
3. **Review of Revisions Required by State Law to Update Protected Class Language**: The subcommittee reviewed changes to the following policies to bring them up to date with state law regarding protected classes: #0521 - Equal Opportunity Plan; #2111 - Equal Opportunity Employment; #3320 - Purchasing Procedures; #4111.1/#4211.1 - Equal Opportunity Employment; #4118.11/#4218.11 - Nondiscrimination; and #5000 - Concept of Roles in Student Policies. All are being sent to the full Board for consideration on 30-Day Read.
4. **Policy #3514 - Equipment**: Subcommittee members reviewed the change of one word in this policy to comply with state law. The policy is being sent to the full Board for consideration on 30-Day Read.

For future business, the subcommittee plans to review the District's class attendance policy.

III. Adjournment:

The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.