

LYME-OLD LYME SCHOOLS

Regional School District #18

A Private School Experience



in a Public School Setting

Policy and Communications Committee Meeting

June 10, 2020

This meeting took place virtually via Google Meeting

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

Administration Present: Ian Neviaser, Superintendent of Schools

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Review of Policy 4112.4 Health Examinations

Mr. Neviaser reviewed the changes recommended to this policy so that the policy would better align with actual practices regarding health examinations that are required of newly hired employees. Mrs. Thompson added an additional grammatical edit.

2. July Edition of *Focus on Education* Newsletter

Mr. Neviaser reported that the articles for the July edition of the *Focus on Education* newsletter are due to be submitted to D2 Media by June 25. Publication will be in the July 16 edition of *The Day*.

The committee reviewed last year's July edition and there was consensus for the inclusion of the following articles for this edition:

- Mrs. Linderman (or her appointee) will interview the top graduates of LOLHS for an article on their future plans.
- The possible inclusion of an article on Ronald Turner, newly hired Director of Facilities and Technology.
- A listing of the six teachers who are retiring in June.
- A list of Board of Education meeting dates along with information on a future public forum to gain input from the community on the turf field.
- Because it is the most pressing issue of the day, include an article on how the district is preparing for the opening of schools in the fall. Because the administration is waiting on information and guidance from the state and health department, this article will not contain specifics but could include the committees that are being formed to study the reopening of school and the model of instruction to be utilized, etc.

- Possible inclusion of the recent Board of Education approved resolution on transitioning Lyme-Old Lyme Schools to 100% clean, renewable energy by 2030.
- Inclusion of facilities update, i.e., Lyme School gym HVAC/floor project, update on tennis courts.
- Making the edition more positive-focused during these difficult times for the community.
- The inclusion of a link to a document recently put out by the CDC on the reopening of schools.
- Inclusion of photographs of graduation and distance learning.

Mr. Neviasser noted that the policy on health examinations would be placed on the July Board agenda for final approval at that level. Also, he will email the draft version of the *Focus on Education* newsletter once D2 Media has put it together.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.