

**Regional School District 17
Board of Education
Policy Subcommittee Special Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2020**

A special meeting of the Policy Subcommittee of the Regional School District 17 Board of Education was held on January 21, 2020 at 6:03 p.m. at the Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate/Middle School – Media Center.

Subcommittee Members Present: Joanne Nesti, Joel D’Angelo and Dr. Nelson Rivera

Subcommittee Members Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman

Visitors: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Ms. Nesti.

Discussion:

Agenda Item #2 - Objectives and Goals for the Committee: The consensus of the committee is to utilize the guidance provided by the Superintendent and Administrators in prioritizing goals and objectives for policy review. In addition, the committee will focus its efforts on a review of Board by-laws utilizing, as needed, streamlined and updated language provided by Shipman & Goodwin.

Agenda Item #3 - Process & Timeline for Review of Board By-Laws: Consensus of the committee members is to immediately begin a page-by-page review of Section 9000 incorporating, where appropriate, revised language provided by Shipman & Goodwin or determining that no change is needed in the existing language. It is also agreed that Shipman & Goodwin will provide regular updates on any changes in state statutes that could affect District 17 policies and by-laws.

Agenda Item #4 - Process & Timeline for Review of Board Policies: Superintendent Dr. Hageman asked that the committee begin its review of Board policies with Section 5000, in advance of a revision of the student handbook planned for April of this year. Superintendent Dr. Hageman will consult over the next 30 days with Administrators on revisions to the relevant Section 5000 policies and report to the committee at its February 25th meeting. If the committee approves any revisions, they could be brought to the Board for a first read at the Board meeting, also scheduled for February 25th. Superintendent Dr. Hageman requested that a committee review of Section 6000 follow once the Board gives its final approval to the Section 5000 revisions.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the HKIS/MS Media Center.

Adjournment: Ms. Nesti adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.