

**Suffield Board of Education  
Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2020 at 5:30 pm  
via Zoom**

Attendees: Board members Debra Dudack, Brain Fry, Jamie Drzyzga, and Scott Lingenfelter;  
and Superintendent Timothy Van Tasel.

Absent: Susan Mercik Davis

**I. Call to Order:** 5:34 p.m.

**II. Policies for Review and Discussion:**

1. **Policy #200 - Goals and Objectives**: The subcommittee reviewed this policy and decided in favor of sending revised language to the full Board for consideration on 30-Day-Read, which includes an updated list of the Board's goals for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. **Policy # 4118.112 - Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment (Personnel)**: The subcommittee reviewed suggested language drafted by legal counsel and decided in favor of sending this version to the full Board for consideration on 30-Day-Read, which will replace current language if adopted. The recommended language also has an attached administrative regulation, which the Superintendent plans to adopt if this new language is approved.
3. **Policy # 5145.5 - Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment (Students)**: The subcommittee reviewed suggested language drafted by legal counsel and decided in favor of sending this version to the full Board for consideration on 30-Day-Read, which will replace current language if adopted. The recommended language also has an attached administrative regulation, which the Superintendent plans to adopt if this new language is approved.
4. **Temporary COVID-19 Policy on Masks**: The subcommittee reviewed suggested language drafted by legal counsel regarding the current requirement for personnel and students to wear masks in school. Members decided in favor of sending the language to the full Board for consideration on 30-Day-Read, with one member feeling the policy is not necessary. If adopted, this policy will be housed with other COVID-19 policies that are already in effect and will sunset when no longer necessary.
5. **Bylaw #9311 - Formation, Adoption, Amendment and Suspension of Policies, Bylaws and Regulations**: The subcommittee reviewed suggested language to incorporate three current bylaws into one bylaw for the purposes of clarity. In addition to consolidating three bylaws, the recommended revisions also add language pertaining to administrative regulations, which is missing from current bylaws. Members decided in favor of moving the recommended language to the full Board for consideration on 30-Day-Read. If adopted, members recommend the dissolution of Bylaw # 9312 and Bylaw #9314, as the content would be contained in the new #9311.

**III. Adjournment**

The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.