

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17

POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

December 15, 2020

A meeting of the Regional School District 17 Board of Education Policy

Sub-committee was held on December 15, 2020 at

Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate/Middle School and via Google

Hangouts Meet Video Conference. (Live Stream)

Members Present: Joanne Nesti, Dr. Nelson Rivera

Also in Attendance: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman;

Board Chair, Suzanne Sack

Members Absent: Joel D'Angelo

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Call to Order:** Ms. Nesti called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved for 10/13, 10/20, 10/27 and 11/10.

3. **Review of Policies, Series 5000:** The Committee reviewed the revisions submitted by Shipman & Goodwin for Sections 5118.1(a), 5125, 5131.914, 5141.4(a) and 5152. They are scheduled for final action at the Board meeting that will follow this meeting.

The Committee also reviewed existing Board Policy 5118 on out-of-District tuition. The Committee had been considering language that would allow access only to the children of District employees. Questions for further discussion include whether the existing policy language is too vague and in need of clarification, and whether changing the existing policy would be a benefit to the District. The Committee also will request clarification from the Board Attorney of language regarding Special Education costs that would be added to out-of-District tuition.

4. **Conflict of Interest Form:** The Committee agreed to add language to the disclosure form, as requested by the Board, regarding employment with District vendors by Board members or their immediate families.

5. **Meeting Conduct:** The Committee continued its discussion of electronic participation by members at Board meetings. The Committee will review draft language from Shipman & Goodwin to allow for such participation on rare occasions, if necessary, while also stating that in-person attendance is preferred.
6. **Board Handbook:** The Committee reviewed modifications to the Board Handbook. It will consider bringing the Board an amendment to the by-laws restoring language regarding the Board Attorney, which also would appear in the Handbook.
7. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm