

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**April 20, 2021**

**REVISED**

*A meeting of the Regional School District 17 Board of Education Policy Sub-Committee was held on April 20, 2021 at the Haddam Killingworth Intermediate/Middle School and via Google Hangouts Meet Video Conference. (Live Stream)*

***Members Present:** Joel D'Angelo, Dr. Nelson Rivera and Joanne Nesti*

***Members Absent:** None*

***Also in Attendance:** Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman; Board Chair, Suzanne Sack; Board Secretary, Jennifer Favalora; Board Member, Kathy Zandi*

***Call to Order:** Ms. Nesti called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

**Agenda Item #2 – Review/Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the Committee's Special Meeting on March 23, 2021 were approved as presented.

**Agenda Item #3 - Electronic Participation:** Committee members and visitors discussed the amendment of Board by-law #9325, Meeting Conduct, to permit electronic participation in Board and/or sub-committee meetings. The consensus of the Committee is that in-person attendance by all members at Board meetings is expected, but at the discretion of the Board Chair, a Board meeting may be held with all members fully remote. Individual members would not be permitted to participate electronically in any in-person Board meeting; that is, a "hybrid" meeting would not be permitted. Consensus of the Committee on sub-committee meetings is that at the discretion of the sub-committee Chair, meetings may be held in person or remotely.

**Agenda Item #4 - Out-of-District Tuition:** Committee members and visitors discussed a possible revision to Board policy #5118(b) on accepting tuition-paying students from outside the District. Consensus of the Committee is to leave the current policy language in place, with the understanding that the Superintendent may bring forward a recommendation to the Board requesting an exception to this policy.

**Agenda Item #5 - Student Dress:** Committee members and visitors discussed a proposed revision from Shipman & Goodwin to Board Policy #5132. Ms. Favalora suggested that any change include a statement regarding the purpose of the Dress Code Policy. Ms. Zandi suggested inconsistencies in enforcement of the policy also should be addressed. The Committee asked Dr. Hageman to review language from other Districts and to consult with the Administrative team before returning to the Committee with a proposal for revisions.

Additional items on the Agenda could not be addressed because of time constraints. A special meeting of the Sub-Committee may be held in the weeks ahead before its next scheduled meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

***Adjournment:*** Ms. Nesti adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.