

LYME-OLD LYME SCHOOLS

Regional School District #18

A Private School Experience



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Policy and Communications Committee Meeting

August 18, 2021

Committee Members Present: Martha Shoemaker, Policy Chair; Suzanne Thompson, Communications Chair; Diane Linderman

Administration Present: Ian Neviaser, Superintendent of Schools

Others Present: Bridget Compagno, Director of Communications and Marketing

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The committee discussed the next edition of the *Focus on Education* newsletter. Subjects of importance included the facilities study and an update on the various building improvement projects completed over the summer or underway. The opening letter in *Focus* will be devoted to an explanation of the strategic plan and the majority of this edition will be facilities-related. Mrs. Compagno reported that a refresh of the layout of *Focus* is being considered.

The committee discussed the article that will appear in the Lyme-Old Lyme *Events* magazine. Although the deadline for edits had passed, Mrs. Compagno will try to get the committee's suggestion for publicizing the dates for the public forums related to the strategic plan and bonding project included in this article. Further suggestions for full media outreach on these important dates were discussed.

The committee discussed a better name for the bonded project study. It was decided that a PreK-8 Facilities Study was a better name and better explained the schools/grade levels involved.

Policy 5131.911 Bullying Prevention and Intervention

Mr. Neviaser noted that the district's current bullying policy is different from the CABE version. It was noted that much of the CABE verbiage includes references to the law, and the law verbiage does not necessarily have to be included in the policy. Because CABE did not send the entire policy, it was the committee's recommendation to get the entire policy from CABE for committee review.

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Policy 6159 Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program

Currently the district does not have a Policy 6159 but rather Policy 6171 titled Special Education. Mr. Neviasher reviewed the changes that would affect district Policy 6171, which equated to removal of one paragraph. This policy will go before the Board for first reading at the September 1, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Neviasher reviewed changes in legislation that will have implications on current policy.

The committee set their schedule through December 2021 with the following meeting dates being selected: September 15 at 6:00 pm; October 21 at 5:00 pm; and November 9 at 6:00 pm.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.