

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA**

(Agenda Subject to Modification in Accordance with Law)

WORK SESSION:

11:00 a.m. Westport Town Hall, Room 307

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

1. Minutes: October 28, 2021, *page 1*

DISCUSSION:

1. Masking and COVID Policies, *pages 2-4*
2. Discussion of How to Proceed with:
 - Equity in Girls and Boys Sports
 - Student and Family Data Privacy
 - Board/Schools Interaction with Town-Appointed Committees and Community Groups
3. Any Other Policy Matters

ADJOURNMENT

It is the policy of the Town of Westport that all Town-sponsored public meetings and events are accessible to people with disabilities. If you need assistance in participating in a meeting or event due to a disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Westport's ADA Coordinator at 203-341-1043 or eflug@westportct.gov at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled meeting or event to request an accommodation.

Meeting: October 28, 2021

Westport Town Hall

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Committee Members Present:

Karen Kleine
Lee Goldstein (arrived 8:39)

Administrators Present

John Bayers, Director of Human Resources
Elio Longo, Chief Financial Officer (departed 8:52 a.m.)

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 8:35 a.m., Westport Town Hall, Room 307

MINUTES: Karen Klein moved to approve the minutes of October 13, 2021; seconded by Lee Goldstein. (2-0-0).

DISCUSSION

1. First Reading of the following:
 - Transportation Policies 3541.5 and 5131.1
 - News Media Relationship Policies 1112 and 1112.11
 - Purchasing Policy 3320
2. Continued Discussion of
 - Feedback from Shipman and Goodwin on Policy 6162.51, "Survey of Students/Student Privacy," pages 50-56
 - Booster Clubs and Parent Organizations
 - Curriculum Policies 6141 and 6161, and State Statute 10-220

The following items were recommended to go before the full Board for a first reading:

- Policy 6162.51, "Survey of Students/Student Privacy,"

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Caputo

Personnel - Certified and Non Certified**Students****Use of Face Masks in School**

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Compliance with this policy shall be mandatory for all individuals while in a school building, District facility and/or District transportation vehicle, unless an applicable exception applies. Any individual who refuses to wear an appropriate face covering at all times while in a school building, District facility or District transportation vehicle shall be denied admission and/or required to leave the premises, unless an applicable exception applies. In addition, failure to comply with this policy may lead to disciplinary action for students and staff, and exclusion from school property for members of the community, in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and/or Board policies.

All individuals participating in or attending any school-sponsored activities must wear an appropriate face covering, whether or not those activities occur in a school building, District facility or District transportation vehicle, unless an applicable exception applies or the Administration, in consultation with the local health department, determines that face coverings are not required for athletes participating in certain athletic activities.

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Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes § [10-221](#)

Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together, Connecticut State Department of Education, as amended by Addendums 1-11 (June 29, 2020 through August 31, 2020).

Policy adopted: November 16, 2020

WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Series C-19
COVID-19 Policies and Regulations

**POLICY CONCERNING HEALTH AND SAFETY
PROTOCOLS RELATED TO COVID-19 (NEW)**

The _____ Board of Education (the “Board”) recognizes the importance of developing health and safety protocols to protect the health and safety of students, staff, and the community related to COVID-19. The Board thus authorizes and directs the administration of the _____ Public Schools (the “Administration”) to develop health and safety protocols related to COVID-19 (the “Safety Protocols”) consistent with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and requirements, and to consider current guidance in the development of the Safety Protocols. The Safety Protocols may address, without limitation, circumstances in which all individuals entering a school building, a Board facility, and/or a Board transportation vehicle may be required to wear an appropriate face covering.

Compliance with the Safety Protocols shall be mandatory for all individuals while on school property and in Board facilities (including, without limitation, a Board transportation vehicle) and while participating in a school-sponsored activity, unless a legally recognized exemption or exception applies. Failure to comply with the Safety Protocols may lead to disciplinary action for students and staff, and exclusion from school property, Board facilities, and/or school-sponsored activities for members of the community, in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and/or Board policies.

The Administration shall provide appropriate notice of the Safety Protocols. Notice may be provided by way of electronic mail, regular mail, website posting, student handbooks, employee handbooks, and/or any other appropriate methods.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221

Public Act _____, An Act Concerning the Extension of Certain Executive Orders and Department of Public Health Authority and COVID-19 Relief Days

Commented [RSJ1]: Confirm when enacted.

ADOPTED: _____

REVISED: _____

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