

Minutes of the Bylaws/Policy/Ethics Committee of the Board of Education
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A meeting of the Bylaws/Policy/Ethics Committee of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held on Monday, September 14, 2015 in the Conference Room of the Central Office, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

6:42 pm Start 7:42 pm End

In attendance: Chairman John Chapman, committee members Maryanne Van Aken and Pamela Zmek, Superintendent Anna Cutaia-Leonard, and BoE clerk Deb Carlton

Dr. Cutaia-Leonard reported members of the leadership team had given feedback on the mandated policies sent in the first packet from CABE. She highlighted the comments/changes made to these policies, which she will next send to Mr. Mustaro for his approval and editing.

For policy 0200, the district's information was added to the model. Ms. Zmek suggested adding Pre-K. For policy 0521, this is a policy and regulation. The team liked the complaint form and wants to adopt it as the regulation.

For policy 4117, it is necessary to adopt something on reduction of force. This policy directs them to contract.

For policy 4212.42, we have language in contract mandating testing, so only the top part will be adopted.

For policy 5125.11, this is straightforward HIPPA language. Form #1 was chosen as the admin. regulation.

For policy 5145, non-discrimination students, the team favored Ridgefield's version. Complaint form will be the admin. regulation.

For policy 6141.312, migratory students, the form will be included as the admin reg and intake form.

For policy 6164, she is asking the committee to adopt the first one on AIDS education. This will tie in with health education.

Policy 6171.2 concerns Pre-K special education, with changes to language in #5. Page 2 has reduced language, and just keeps the first/last sentences.

She feels we need both policies 5144 and 6142; these are separate from the Wellness Policy and state that recess won't be taken away for any reason. Pre-K will also be added to this policy. The first version for 6142 was favored, as it has parallel language regarding participation in activities. No admin reg is needed here.

There was brief discussion of Policy 6143, already in play and not in the packet of mandated policies.

These policies, once cleaned up by CABE, will go to the Board for first read on 9/21.

The committee will review the next installment of policies received from CABE, will prioritize which the administrators should spend time reviewing, and will also determine which policies will be quick and easy to ok.

Mr. Chapman indicated he will incorporate the input of committee members and the administration in order to put together an action plan to address this next group of policies. He suggested a timeline to complete Packet #2 by the end of the 2015 calendar year and to begin work on Packet #3 beginning in 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Chapman

John Chapman, Chair

Bylaws/Policy/Ethics Committee