

Minutes of the Bylaws/Policy/Ethics Committee
Regional School District 14 Board of Education
November 23, 2015

A meeting of the Bylaws/Policy/Ethics Committee was held on Monday, November 23, 2015. Present: Chairman John Chapman, committee member Maryanne Van Aken and Pam Zmek (6:55 pm), Superintendent Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Ed.D., and clerk Deb Carlton.

The meeting began at 6:36 pm and concluded at 7:25 pm.

The committee reviewed policy revisions that had been held from previous meeting due to questions.

Revised Policy 1120 will now go to the Board for first read; the question of whether public comment should be solicited before every vote was answered by CABE: this is not best practice, nor recommended.

Policy 4131.5 needs to go before the Board to be officially rescinded. CEUs are no longer issued; therefore, this policy is obsolete.

Policy 4118.11/4218.11 is specific in its reference to gender identity. It is dual codified for certified and non-certified staff. It will go up for first read.

Policy 4118.14/4218.14 is ready to go for first read. The question of where an appeal of a Board decision was answered and included: this would go to Boston.

Policy 5141.3 was discussed, and Dr. Cutaia-Leonard shared our current version, CABE's revision of same, and CABE's recommended version, which has very explicit admin regs. She favors, and is familiar with, this level of detail and will send to the MES nurse for her input.

The district's Wellness Policy was also reviewed. CABE has offered that our existing policy, if coupled with their suggested admin regs, would be acceptable. Dr. Cutaia-Leonard will bring these to the Wellness Committee for their input.

CABE had indicated our 6142.10 should be removed from our website, as our 6143 has replaced that.

Policy meetings for December will be postponed until the new year. Beginning with 1/11, meetings will be set on a 2 week recurring cycle: 1/11/16, 1/25/16, 2/8/16, 2/22/16 and so on.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Chapman

John Chapman, Chair