

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 Tuesday, March 18, 2014 in the Conference Room of the Central Office, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Minutes of the Meeting

6:33 pm Start 8:03 pm End

In attendance: Chairman John Swendsen, committee members Charles Cosgriff and George Bauer, Superintendent Jody Goeler, BoE clerk Deb Carlton

The committee reviewed a change to Board Policy 5136.6 that would make it consistent with a similar change recently made to Policy 1331. On advice of the local substance abuse prevention group, electronic or "e-cigarettes" should be added to the list of banned substances for students. Policy 5136.6 will now read, under Smoking and Use of Tobacco Products, p2, "All students are prohibited from smoking or using tobacco products, *including any derivation of these products, such as but not limited to electronic cigarettes*, at any time on school grounds, in school buildings, on school vehicles and when students are subject to the supervision of designated school personnel, such as when a student is at any school sponsored function, extracurricular event, field trip, or school related activity." (italics added). This change will be brought to the Board for approval.

The committee also addressed concerns raised at the Board meeting of 3/17/14 regarding the section of Policy 2140 addressing responsibilities of the Superintendent which reads, "8. To recommend to the Board for its adoption all courses of study, curriculum guides and textbooks to be used in the schools;" Mr. Goeler consulted with counsel and the recommendation was to leave that in, as it is a statutory requirement. This will be conveyed to the Board.

The committee addressed the remaining 17 policies in the 1000 series. Counsel had recommended the committee review these to determine which would be kept, which would be deleted, and to make any necessary changes to bring them more current.

The committee reviewed each policy and it was determined the following policies will be kept:

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These policies will be marked as "reviewed 3/2014" and added to the district website.

The committee determined the following policies will be deleted:

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The committee added language to Policy 1250, regarding visitors to schools, in section 5 to read "...require all visitors to comply with established check-in procedures upon arrival."

Two policies, 1310 and 1416, will be reviewed further with counsel.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, Bylaws/Policy/Ethics Committee

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