

Board of Education Policy & Legislation Committee
November 16, 2021
Via ZOOM

Attendees	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Central Office:</u>
	Ann Sweeney, Chair	Miguel Pabon
	Karen Harvey	Dr. Ruffin
	Amanda Nardozzi	Darren Schwartz
	Charles Stango	Attorney Shaw

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:32 p.m.

Item 1:

Revised policy 6159-Individualized Education Program/Specialized Education Program as required by P.A. 21-46

Mr. Pabon explained the changes required under P.A. 21-46, including:

- For post-secondary measurable goals and transition services, change in age from 16 to 14 for inclusion in IEP.
- Strikes 2 sections no longer relevant under new statute.
- Change to provided services under IDEA from age 21 to age 22 or until graduation with a regular high school diploma, whichever comes first.
- Initial evaluations must be completed within 60 calendar days of receipt of written parental consent.
- Absolves BOE employees from punishment for discussion or recommendations made during a PPT. Birth to three coordinators and qualified personnel as defined by C.G.S. 17a-248, are likewise protected.
- Adds birth to three service coordinator to the list of allowed persons present at PPT.
- Adds language to accommodate students in technical education and career schools.

Motion to recommend approval of revised Policy 6159-Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program as required by P.A.21-46.

Motion made by Karen Harvey, 2nd by Amanda Nardozzi

Yeas-4, Nays-0, Abstentions-0

For BOE Workshop on 12/2

Item 2:

Revised Policy 5112-Ages of Attendance, as required by P.A. 21-86

Mr. Schwartz explained the changes to language requiring acceptance of certain armed forces paperwork to establish residency and enroll children of active members of the armed forces in a district they do not yet reside in.

Motion to approve revised policy 5112-Ages of Attendance, as required by P.A. 21-86.

Motion made by: Karen Harvey, 2nd by Charles Stango

Yeas-4, Nays-0, Abstentions-0

For BOE Workshop on 12/2

Item 3:

Revised Policy 5113-Attendance requirements for Course Credit or Promotion as required by P.S. 21-46

Mr. Schwartz explained the changes as new language related to remote sessions and how time spent remotely counts towards attendance, and the addition of two mental health days as excused absences.

Motion to recommend approval of revised policy 5113-Attendance requirements for course credit or promotion as required by P.A. 21-46.

Motion made by: Karen Harvey, 2nd by Amanda Nardozzi

Yeas-4, Nays-0, Abstentions-0

For BOE Workshop on 12/2

Item 4:

Revised Policy 5113.2-Attendance requirements for students under 18 years of age with respect to truancy

Mr. Schwartz explained the change is the addition of two mental health days as excused absences.

Motion to recommend approval of revised policy 5113.2-Attendance requirements for students under 18 years of age with respect to truancy, as required by P.A. 21-46.

Made by: Karen Harvey, 2nd by Amanda Nardozzi

Yeas-4, Nays-0, Abstentions-0

For BOE Workshop on 12-2

Item 5:

Revised Policy 6146.1-High School Grading/QPR, as required by P.A. 21-199

Mr. Schwartz explained that the statute requires parents/guardians and students shall be advised as to whether or not a grade from a course is weighted in the Program of Studies. The proposed revised policy reflects that language.

Motion to recommend approval of revised policy 6146.1-High School Grading/QPR, as required by P.A. 21-199.

Motion made by: Karen Harvey, 2nd by Amanda Nardozzi

Yeas-4, Nays-0, Abstentions-0

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Item 6:

Continued discussion: Proposed Rules and Regulations Appendix

The committee reviewed a final draft of the proposed appendix. There was comment that the timing of approval will involve new members to the Board who did not participate in committee discussion.

Motion to recommend approval of the draft appendix to Rules and Regulations, policy 9010.

Motion made by-Charles Stango, 2nd by Amanda Nardozzi

Yeas-3, Nays-1, Abstentions-0

For BOE Workshop on 12-2

Item 7:

Continued discussion: Proposed Board Member Handbook

The committee reviewed a final draft of the proposed handbook. There was comment that the timing of approval will involve new members to the board who did not participate in committee discussion. A question was posed about the ability of board members to question or request changes. The chair explained that the proposed would be up for questions and discussion at the December 2 workshop, and off consent on the December 16 regular meeting. Both reads would allow for any comments or suggestions from Commissioners.

Motion to recommend approval of draft of the Board Member Handbook.

Made by: Charles Stango, 2nd Amanda Nardozzi

Yeas-3, Nays-1, Abstentions-0

For BOE Workshop on 12-2

Item 8:

Scheduling of next meeting

The next Policy and Legislation Committee will be scheduled for December 14th.

Motion to adjourn-

Made by-Juanita Hernandez, 2nd by Amanda Nardozzi

Yeas-4 Nays-0 Abstentions-0

Adjourned at 6:16 pm

Minutes prepared by Ann Sweeney