

BOE Policy and Legislation Committee  
April 22, 2021  
5:30 pm

Attendees:

Committee  
Ann Sweeney, Chair  
Charles Stango  
Amanda Nardozzi

Staff:  
Darren Schwartz  
Attorney Tara Shaw

Meeting called to order at 5:30 by the chair.

Item 1. Policy 5123-Waiver Policy for Student Retention-request to suspend  
Darren Schwartz and a committee of Administrators and teachers are recommending suspending current policy for the 2020-2021 school year. While committing to follow current policy in identifying student waivers, staff feel more time is needed to assess students impacted by the pandemic. The current policy requires decisions about waivers be made by May 15. Staff requested extending that timeline to Sept. 15. Committee discussion regarding not losing current procedures in evaluating and allowing waivers. Chair reminded committee that this is a suspension of policy only for the current school year, 2020-2021. Further discussion about the Sept 15th date being too late, students and parents would not have an answer on a waiver before start of next school year. Mr. Schwartz agreed and suggested August 20, 2021. Suspending the policy will allow for a trial of the extended timeline. Subsequent discussions on this policy can occur in the 2021-2022 school year after the suspension of policy ends.

Item 2. Policy 5113-Attendance requirements for Course Credit or Promotion-request to suspend  
Darren Schwartz and a committee of Administrators are requesting to suspend policy 5113 for the 2020-2021 school years. Guidance for staff will follow current policy but also allow administrators to apply for waivers on behalf of students who have attendance issues related to the pandemic. As with above item 1, concern that we return to original policy at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Original policy will be followed in terms of investigating absences and determining root cause.

Item 3-Scheduling of next meeting-to be announced

Motion to recommend approval to suspend policy 5123-Waiver Policy for Student Retention for the 2020-2021 School year.

Motion made by Charles Stango Second by Amanda Nardozzi

Yeas-3 Nays- Abstentions-0

Item 1 to May 6 workshop and special meeting

Motion to recommend approval to suspend policy 5113-Attendance requirements for Course Credit or Promotion

Motion made by Amanda Nardozzi Second by Charles Stango

Yeas-3 Nays-0 Abstentions-0

Item 2 to May 6 workshop and special meeting

Motion to adjourn  
Made by Charles Stango Second by Amanda Nardozi  
Yeas-3 Nays-0 Abstentions-0  
Meeting adjourned at 6:18

Minutes by Ann Sweeney