

WATERBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Meeting Minutes

Group/Team:	BOE Policy and Legislation Committee		
Location:	Superintendent's Conference Room	Norms Reviewed:	Yes
Date of Meeting:	February 13, 2020	Start Time:	5:31
Minutes Prepared By:		Finish Time:	

Attendance at Meeting

	Name	Position	
1	Ann Sweeney	BOE	
2	Karen Havey (by phone)	BOE	
3	GREG RODRIGUEZ	Dep. Superintendent	
4	Charles L. Stango	BOE	
5	Darren Johnson	CAO	
6	Logan Lash	BOE	
7	Will Clark	BOE/coo	
8	Karen Han		
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Purpose of Meeting – Instructional Focus:

Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues (May include the meeting agenda)

BOE POLICY AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 13, 2020

Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm by Ann Sweeney, Chair

ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5:

Motion to postpone items 1 through 5 until March 12th due to the resignation of the Director of Personnel.

Motion made by Charles Stango, second by Jason Van Stone – Yeas/3; Nays/0; Abstain/0.

ITEM 6

Policy implications from CABE regarding PA 19-74 4111-Recruitment and Selection

Presented by Will Clark

Legislation requires the State Department of Education to provide BOEs with tools and best practices to increase minority hires to meet state goals.

Language to be added to current policy: *Beginning with the school year commencing July 1 2020 and each school year thereafter, the board will utilize the strategies and resources made available to it by the State Department of Education's Minority Teacher Recruitment Policy Oversight Council to assist in meeting Connecticut's annual goal of hiring at least two hundred fifty new minority teacher and administrators, of which at least 30 percent are men.*

Update legal references.

Motion to recommend approval of changes to policy 4111-Recruitment and Selection, as required by PA 19-74.

Motion made by Jason Van Stone, second by Charles Stango – Yeas/3; Nays/0; Abstain/0.

ITEM 7:

Policy implications from CABE update regarding PA 19-58

A) Policy 0210 District Goals

Presented by Darren Schwartz

Legislation requires district goals include career placement goals for students not choosing to pursue an advanced degree.

Language to be added: *5) To have all students graduate college and/or career ready.*

Update legal references.

B) Policy 6146 High School Graduation Requirements

Legislation requires changes to Student Success Plans to include career exploration.

Language to be added: *The board shall require the Superintendent to create a Student Success Plan for each enrolled student, beginning in grade six. Such plan shall include a*

students' career and academic choices in grades six to twelve. Beginning in grade six, such Student Success Plan shall provide evidence of career exploration in each grade including, but not limited to, careers in manufacturing. The Board shall utilize the Department of Education's issued and revised guidance regarding changes to such student's success plan.

Clarifying language regarding grade promotion was requested by district staff. Language to be added: *Students will only be eligible for promotion to the next grade at the end of the academic school year and at the conclusion of summer school.*

Language regarding graduation dates will be deleted as it is no longer applicable.

Update legal references.

Motion to recommend approval of changes to policy 0210, District Goals, as required by PA 19-58.

Motion made by Jason Van Stone, second by: Charles Stango – Yeas/3; Nays/0; Abstain/0.

Motion to recommend approval of changes to policy 6146, High School Graduation Requirements, as required by PA 19-58.

Motion made by: Charles Stango, second by Charles Stango – Yeas/3; Nays/0; Abstain/0.

ITEM 8:

Policy implications from CAFE update regarding PA 19-179

Presented by Darren Schwartz

Legislation requires the addition of unaccompanied youth who are denied access to school accommodations, including transportation, to attend public school, to the existing appeals process.

A) Policy 5112 Early Admission to Kindergarten.

Referred back to Central Office for further study, revisit on March 12, 2020.

B) Policy 5118.1 Homeless Students.

Language to be added: *Any homeless child or youth denied school accommodations shall continue in attendance or be immediately enrolled in the school selected by the child in the school district. The homeless child or youth or the parent/guardian of such homeless individual shall be provided with a written explanation of the reasons for the denial of accommodations in a manner and form understandable to such homeless child or youth or parent/guardian. Information shall also be provided regarding the right to appeal the decision of the denial of accommodation. The homeless child or youth shall be entitled to continue in attendance in the school district during all available appeals.*

In addition, if a homeless child or youth is denied school accommodations, such homeless child or youth shall be entitled to a hearing conducted pursuant to CGS, 10-186.

Update legal references.

Motion to recommend approval of changes to policy 5118.1, Homeless Students, as required by PA 19-179.

Motion made by Jason Van Stone, second by Charles Stango – Yeas/3; Nays/0; Abstain/0.

C) Darren Schwartz requested the committee consider new policy 5111

Motion to recommend approval of new policy 5111, Admission and Placement

Mr. Schwartz noted the policy states the guidelines for admission to WPS as well as the process for grade level placement for students relocating from other states or countries. He and Dr. Rodriguez both feel it is an important policy for Waterbury.

Motion to recommend approval of new policy 5111.

Motion made by Charles Stango, second by Jason Van Stone – Yeas/3; Nays/0; Abstain/0.

ITEM 9:

Policy Implications from CAGE update regarding PA 19-1: 9010 Bylaws of the Board

Referred back to Central Office (Will Clark) for revision of CAGE suggested Policy 7100, New Construction. Revisit on March 12, 2020.

ITEM 10:

Legislative Update

Presented by Ann Sweeney

Liz Brown not in attendance as she is testifying at the Capitol before the Appropriations Committee on the excess cost grant. CAGE will welcome any assistance in testifying during this year's legislative session. Please let Liz know if you can help. CAGE has advised that they will be addressing the Excess Cost as a single focus issue during this legislative session.

Day on the Hill will take place on March 11th. We are planning to take our Student representatives to the Board. Commissioner Sweeney is working with Dr. Ruffin on arrangements. All commissioners are invited to attend.

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Motion made by Charles Stango, second by Jason Van Stone – Yeas/3; Nays/0; Abstain/0

Minutes prepared by: Ann Sweeney