

Coventry Board of Education

Coventry, Connecticut

Policy Committee Meeting

Approved Minutes of September 01, 2020

Electronic/Remote

Committee Members Present:

William Oros, Policy Chair

Eugene Marchand

Barbara Paré

Jennifer Beausoleil, BOE Chair (arrived 4:04 p.m.)

Administrator Present:

Dr. David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools

I. Call to Order

W. Oros called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. VOTE: Approve Minutes of January 30, 2020

MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of January 30, 2020

By: B. Paré

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

III. Information and Overview of Procedures

J. Beausoleil arrived (4:04 p.m.)

W. Oros explained the procedures for this set of COVID-19 related policies, which will expire at the end of this school year.

Dr. Petrone noted there are two policies, 3541 Transportation and 5144 Student Discipline, which have revisions that the Committee have already made. Additionally, Dr. Petrone noted that policy bylaw 9368 Meeting Conduct has changes that need to be made in addition to the COVID-19 temporary language.

IV. Discussion: Temporary COVID-19 Policies Packet

A. COVID-19 - Temporary Policies and Regulations Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic NEW

The Committee reviewed the related language. J. Beausoleil confirmed that the policy packet would be null and void as of July 1, 2021. There were no changes to this policy.

B. COVID-19 - Health and Safety Protocols Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic NEW

The Committee reviewed the COVID-19 language. There were no changes, the Committee agreed to forward to the full Board.

C. COVID-19 - 4000 Families First Coronavirus response ACT (FFCRA) NEW

The Committee reviewed the updated language. There were no questions or changes.

D. COVID-19 - 1241 Volunteers, Interns and other Non-employees

The Committee reviewed the updated language and discussed the need for this language. Dr. Petrone said there is a need to be clear related to volunteers, interns, and non-employees. He said at the moment, there will be no volunteers. The Committee discussed those details.

E. COVID-19 - 1250 Visitors and Observations in Schools

The Committee reviewed the updated language. There was consensus to move this forward.

F. COVID-19 - 1330 Use of School Facilities

The Committee reviewed the proposed language.

E. Marchand asked about recreation groups using the buildings. Dr. Petrone said at this time that usage is on hold.

J. Beausoleil said an additional fee for cleaning will be added to the Administrative Regulation.

B. Para noted this gives the administration the ability to limit the use by organizations. There was consensus to move this forward.

G. COVID-19 - 3514 Green Cleaning Programs

The Committee reviewed the proposed language. There was a discussion about the type of cleaning product that is being used and by who. Dr. Petrone said students are not and cannot do any of the cleaning.

H. COVID-19 - 3541 Transportation

Dr. Petrone noted this policy was approved to move forward by the Committee in February. He added just the COVID-19 language is new to the Committee.

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward.

I. COVID-19 - 4110 Employment and Student Teacher Checks

The Committee reviewed the proposed language for this policy. The Committee agreed to move the policy forward.

J. COVID-19 - 4118.5 Employee Use of the Districts Computer Systems

The Committee reviewed the proposed language for this policy.

The Committee discussed how the use of technology may be used at new levels in the future, such as snow days, since there are so many new systems in place.

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward.

K. COVID-19 - 5110 Attendance and Truancy

The Committee reviewed the proposed language for this policy.

Dr. Petrone said there are added rules with regard to attendance such as, if students have to quarantine. The Committee talked about tracking student attendance during the Hybrid Model and Distance Learning.

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward.

L. COVID-19 - 5131.2 Student Use of the District's Computer Systems and Internet Safety

The Committee reviewed the proposed language for this policy.

B. Paré asked if there is language about retrieving the device from the student, if needed. Dr. Petrone said yes, there are provisions for that as it is the district's device. He added that all parents have to sign a usage agreement. The Committee discussed monitoring devices.

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward.

M. COVID-19 - 5131.4 - Use of Private Technological Devices by Students

The Committee reviewed the proposed language for this policy. The Committee agreed to move the policy forward.

N. COVID-19 - 5144 Student Discipline

The Committee reviewed the proposed language for this policy.

B. Paré noted this is temporary language, but it is serious due to they can be expelled. Dr. Petrone agreed. J. Beausoleil said violations could also include when students are home and part of a virtual classroom. She added that the language also accounts for a virtual expulsion.

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward.

O. COVID-19 - 9368 Meeting Conduct

The Committee reviewed the proposed language for this policy, which included new language related to remote meetings, in addition to the COVID-19 language.

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward.

There was consensus to move all policies discussed forward to the full Board for warning and then a vote.

V. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the policy meeting at 4:51 p.m.

By: B. Paré

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: November 5, 2020