

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Policy Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, September 30, 2021
Administration Building Conference Room

Committee Members Present:

William Oros, Committee Chair
Eugene Marchand
Michael Sobol
Jennifer Beausoleil, Board Chair

Administrator Present:

Dr. David J. Petrone Superintendent of Schools

I. Call to Order

W. Oros called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

II. VOTE: Approve minutes of September 16, 2021

MOTION: To approve the Policy Committee minutes of September 16, 2021

By: E. Marchand Seconded: M. Sobol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

III. Discussion: Review NEW Policy 1325.1 Advertising at District Athletic Facilities

Dr. Petrone reviewed the background and noted that this was developed specifically for Coventry. E. Marchand confirmed that this policy is just a confirmation of what we are doing now. Dr. Petrone said yes.

J. Beausoleil asked that item H be clarified to include all vaping and marijuana, etc. Dr. Petrone said he would update the language from other policies. The Committee agreed.

J. Beausoleil asked that the timing of the advertising be clarified.

J. Beausoleil asked that no political advertising be allowed.

J. Beausoleil asked that where the proceeds go be clarified.

J. Beausoleil asked that the policy note this is for athletic fields.

The Committee agreed with those changes, and agreed that the policy could move forward to the full Board.

IV. Discussion: Review of Policies - Revisions

IV.A. 1231 Non-Discrimination - Community

W. Oros noted the language has been updated as reflected in the law.

The Committee agreed the policy could move forward to the full Board.

IV.B. 1241 Volunteers, Interns and other Non-employees

W. Oros reviewed the changes to the policy noting that all must comply with health standards.

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward to the full Board.

IV.C. 1250 Visitors and Observations in Schools

J. Beausoleil asked that the Superintendent and/or designee be added as approvers.

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward to the full Board.

IV.D. 1330 Use of School Facilities

W. Oros confirmed that these practices are already in place. Dr. Petrone said yes.

J. Beausoleil asked that the full language be added regarding marijuana, etc.

E. Marchand asked that weapons be added back in.

J. Beausoleil said the food prep language is very clunky. The Committee discussed the details.

She suggested the "Food Service Director or designee" be clarified as approvers for food being used; additionally, the language regarding what food is used during the day was adjusted.

The Committee agreed, with the changes, the policy could move forward to the full Board.

IV.E. 3300-3323 Purchasing

Dr. Petrone clarified the changes were due to changes in the law. The Committee agreed to move the policy forward.

IV.F. 3514 Green Cleaning Programs

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward to the full Board.

IV.G. 3541 Transportation

The Committee reviewed the new language.

J. Beausoleil asked that behavior be emphasized into its own section.

The Committee asked that paragraph c-ii and b-i on page 4 be removed.

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward to the full Board.

IV.H. 3542 Model Code of Conduct Governing Procurements Under A Federal Award

J. Beausoleil said much of this language is under the purchasing policy. Dr. Petrone said he would find out.

IV.I. 4115.3 Athletic Coaches - Evaluation, Non-Renewal, and Termination

Dr. Petrone stated anyone volunteering is not evaluated.

J. Beausoleil noted page 2 and the phrase "cancelled by the Board." She asked that "by the Board" be removed. The Committee asked that the pronouns (his/her, etc.) be updated as they are in other policies.

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward to the full Board with changes.

IV.J. 4116.1 Non-Discrimination - Personnel

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward.

IV.K. 4116.2 - Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward to the full Board.

IV.L. 4116.11 Section 504 ADA

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward to the full Board.

IV.M. 4118.5 Employee Use of the Districts Computer Systems

J. Beausoleil said the more generic language doesn't work. She said she would like it pulled and looked at by the technology team. The Committee agreed.

IV.N. 5122.2 Non-Discrimination - Students

The Committee agreed to move this policy forward to the full Board.

IV.O. 5127 Graduation Requirements

The Committee agreed to move this policy forward to the full Board.

IV.P. 5131 - Title IX Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment

The Committee agreed to move this policy forward to the full Board.

IV.Q. 5131.2 Student Use of the District's Computer Systems and Internet Safety

The Committee agreed to have the Technology Department review this policy.

IV.R. 5131.4 - Use of Private Technological Devices by Students

The Committee agreed to have the Technology Department review this policy.

IV.S. 5131.7 Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy

The Committee agreed to move this policy forward to the full Board.

IV.T. 5131.71 Safe School Climate Plan

The Committee asked that "Teen" be removed from section M on page 5. The Committee agreed to move the policy forward to the full Board with this one change.

IV.U. 5131.72 Child Sexual Abuse and-or Sexual Assault Response Policy and Reporting Procedure

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward to the full Board.

IV.V. 5144 Student Discipline

M. Sobol asked for clarification on limitations for virtual educational environments. Dr. Petrone said it makes it clear that students are not exempt just because they are virtual.

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward to the full Board.

IV.W. 5145.4 Student Privacy

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward to the full Board.

IV.X. 6146.1 Weighted Grading and Calculation of Grade Point Averages The Committee agreed to move the policy forward to the full Board.

The Committee agreed to move the policy forward to the full Board.

IV.Y. 9368 Meeting Conduct

The Committee agreed to table the policy for further review.

V. Adjournment

MOTION: To Adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Sobol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: February 10, 2022