

The New London Board of Education Policy Committee meeting was held on March 19, 2024 via Zoom teleconferencing.

1. Call to Order

Nathan Caron, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present for the Committee: Nathan Caron – Committee Chair
Bianca Alexis - Sylvain – Committee Member
Elaine Maynard-Adams – Committee Member
Betsy Perkins – Community Representative

Absent for the Committee: Scott Garbini – Community Representative
Colleen Delaporta-Wells – NLEA Representative

Present for the Administration: Kristea A. Francolino – Manager of Executive Support Services
Christine Pemberton – Executive Director of Talent & Human Resources

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Ms. Alexis-Sylvain, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting.

Motion carried, 4-0

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Ms. Maynard-Adams, that the following items, as set forth on the Consent Agenda for the Policy Committee meeting of April 16, 2024, be approved unless removed by a committee member or the Superintendent of Schools:

1. Approve the Following Policies
 - a. 5114.12 – Student Handbooks
 - b. 5131.111 – Video Surveillance
 - c. 5141.22 – Communicable/Infectious Diseases

Motion carried, 4-0

- Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

A. Adopt Policy 6141.3273 – 4118.53/4218.53 – Generative AI (Artificial Intelligence)

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Mr. Caron, to approve Policy 6141.3273 – 4118.53/4218.53 – Generative AI (Artificial Intelligence)

Ms. Maynard-Adams stated that there does not seem to be much information in this policy, other than acknowledging the existence of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Ms. Perkins agreed. Dr. Hills-Papetti, Assistant Superintendent, stated that she has been attending webinars on the topic of AI and that there is still a lot to learn on the subject. She did note that there have been some situations this year that have occurred which involved both students and staff using AI.

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Mr. Caron, to table this policy until such time as the Board better understands the topic and is ready to talk about the appropriate uses of AI in educational settings.

Motion carried, 4-0

B. Approve Policy 6141.31 – Bilingual-English Language Learning Education

Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Ms. Maynard-Adams, to approve Policy 6141.31 – Bilingual-English Language Learning Education.

Motion by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Caron, to correct the bullets on the first page, change EL to MLL, remove the semicolon from the 2nd paragraph, and add the word “to” on page 2, paragraph 3.

Motion carried, 4-0

Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Ms. Perkins, to add “or designee” after the word “Superintendent” on page 1, paragraph 5.

Motion carried, 4-0

Vote on main motion as amended, Motion carried, 4-0

C. Approve Policy 5134 – Married/Pregnant Students

Motion by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Ms. Maynard-Adams, to approve Policy 5134 – Married/Pregnant Students.

Motion by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Caron, to update the term “pregnant girl” to be “pregnant student” and correct the associated pronouns.

Motion carried, 4-0

Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Ms. Perkins, to replace the word “mother” with “parent”.

Motion carried, 4-0

Vote on main motion as amended, Motion carried, 4-0

5. Committee Member Comments

None.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Mr. Caron, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristea A. Francolino
Manager of Executive Support Services