

The New London Board of Education Policy Committee meeting was held on August 13, 2024 via Zoom teleconferencing.

1. Call to Order

Nathan Caron, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present for the Committee: Nathan Caron – Committee Chair
Elaine Maynard-Adams – Committee Member
Betsy Perkins – Community Representative
Scott Garbini – Community Representative

Absent for the Committee: Bianca Alexis-Sylvain – Committee Member
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 Mr. Garbini, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting.

Motion carried, 4-0

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Mr. Garbini, that the following items, as set forth on the Consent Agenda for the Policy Committee meeting of August 13, 2024, be approved unless removed by a committee member or the Superintendent of Schools:

1. Approve the Following Policies
 - a. 4112.112 – Sexual Harassment and title IX (staff)
 - b. 5145.5 – Sexual Harassment and Title IX (students)
2. Rescind the Following Policy:
 - a. Rescind Policy Series 5000 - Immunizations

Motion carried, 4-0

- Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

A. Approve Policy 5131.911 – Bullying and Safe School Climate Plan

Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Ms. Maynard-Adams, to approve Policy 5131.911 – Bullying and Safe School Climate Plan.

Ms. Rivera, Executive Director of Student and Family Supports shared that the biggest change to this policy are the new forms and terminology. She shared that while the legislative changes do not go into effect until 2025, the District opted to implement them sooner.

Motion by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Ms. Maynard-Adams, to remove the word building on page 4.

Motion carried, 4-0

Vote on the Main Motion as amended: Motion carried, 4-0

B. Approve Policy 5131.3 – Student Use of Motor Vehicles

Motion by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Garbini, to approve Policy 5131.3 – Student Use of Motor Vehicles.

It was explained that this policy is being updated as new regulations have been developed at the high school campus.

Ms. Perkins expressed that the first paragraph seemed to be confusing.

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Mr. Garbini, to strike the second and third sentences of the first paragraph and replace it with the following: “Students wishing to bring their motor vehicles to New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus must complete the application accompanied by their proof of proper registration and license. Applications will be submitted to the Building Principal or their designee. Applications will be reviewed, and when approved, the parking permit will be issued. Parking permits must be on display at all times. Exceptions may be approved on a case-by-case basis.

Motion carried, 4-0

Motion by Ms. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Garbini, to remove the word “your” on page 2 in the sentence before the highlight.

Motion carried, 4-0

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

C. Approve Policy 5141 – Health Assessments – Screenings - Immunizations

Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Mr. Garbini, to approve Policy 5141 – Health Assessments – Screenings – Immunizations.

Mr. Caron noted that there are various requirements that students must meet, requiring them to see a physician. He asked if the school nurses had the ability to conduct these requirements. Ms. Rivera responded that the school nurses are unable to conduct the physicals, but those at the School Based Health Centers can. It was noted that it can be challenging to find appointments at doctor offices throughout the region in the fall due to the need of regular and sports physicals, but often the School Based Health Centers can see students more quickly.

Motion carried, 4-0

5. Committee Member Comments

Mr. Garbini asked if the District has full time nurses on staff. Ms. Rivera confirmed that the District has now hired nurses and has a full time nurse for each building, with some buildings having health aides. She added that the District still does have to pay for the nurses at The Williams School and St. Joseph's School. Mr. Garbini expressed his frustration that this is still a requirement, even from the time from when he served as Board President. He stated that he is not against having a nurse for the student, but that those schools charge tuition, and should raise such tuition to pay for these nurses.

Ms. Maynard-Adams stated that regarding St. Joseph's, most students that attend are from New London. She added that she is less upset about funding that nurse for mostly New London students than for The Williams School that has only thirteen students from New London, and the tuition is approximately \$40,000. She stated that the City of New London receives a reimbursement from the State for Non-Public expenses, and the last Audit report reflected the City receiving approximately \$70,000.

Motion carried, 4-0

6. Adjournment

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

Motion carried, 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristea A. Francolino
Manager of Executive Support Services