GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M. CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 5

Members Remote: Matthew Shulman, Ian Thomas, Beverly Washington
Also Present: Susan Austin
Also Remote: Denise Doolittle

Shulman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. Review of Minutes: Tuesday, July 23, 2024, Tuesday, August 27, 2024

   MOTION: Washington, Thomas; to approve the minutes of July 23, 2024, August 27, 2024
   MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. New Business

   a. Discussion on P 5145.53 Transgender and General Non-Conforming Youth

      The committee discussed the changes made to the policy and regulation based on new regulations from the State of Connecticut. The committee would like the records change request to be included with the policy. The policy will go to the full Board for first read.

   b. Discussion on P 4115.3 Evaluation of Coaches

      The committee discussed the policy and made a few adjustments. The policy will go to the full Board for first read.

3. Old Business

   a. Discussion on P 5131.81 Electronic Communication Devices

      The committee discussed how cell phone usage is going with the new stricter handbook guidelines. All principals are reporting this year is going well and no issues. We will unlikely see anything from the legislation on cell phone usage. Shulman wants to draft a policy to show stakeholders, have Dr. Archie Swindell possible work on a survey, Stakeholder meeting, teachers – GEA?, Parents – boosters?, students – BOE rep?, how to handle carve out (IEP, language translator, medical)

      There was discussion on how to move on. The committee decided to adjust the current policy to align with the handbook.

4. Future Meeting Topics

   Policies from Ad Hoc Budget Committee
   6172.3 - Home Schooling

5. Adjournment

   The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.