

Policy Committee  
Of the Hamden Board of Education

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024

1. Call to order and roll call 6:05 PM  
Committee members: Chris Piscitelli, Dr. David Lee Asbery, Peter Downhour  
Administration: Gary Highsmith, Sue Smey
2. Additions to the agenda  
No additions
3. Public Comment on agenda items  
Katy McNicol of Norwood Ave requested a reconsideration of adopting the model policy or, if it was approved, to create and introduce age-appropriate guidelines for phone use concurrently with the new policy
4. Information items
  - a. Superintendent Highsmith summarized the State Board of Education guidance on Personal Technology Use in Connecticut Schools
  - b. Superintendent Highsmith reviewed the results of parent, student and staff surveys on cell phone use in school
  - c. Dori Antonetti of Shipman & Goodwin reviewed the model policy "Use of Private Technological Devices by Students"
5. Possible Action Items
  - a. Approval to repeal policy #5131.81 Use of Beepers – Paging Devices/Cellular Telephones  
Motion by: Downhour  
Seconded by: Piscitelli  
Unanimous
  - b. Approval to adopt policy Use of Private Technological Devices by Students  
No action taken
6. Comments from Board Members  
No comments
7. Adjourn at 7:49 P.M.