M I N U T E S
Special Meeting
Policy Committee
Monday, January 13, 2025; 5:00 p.m.
Mitchell Elementary School
Flanders Room

Committee Members Present:
Chris Matta, Chair
Alice Jones
Carol Ann Brown
Jim Crocker (ex-officio)

Absent:
Caren Lipinski

Also Present:
Brian Murphy, Superintendent of Schools
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations

I. Call to order

Chris Matta called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Policy 6148 FAFSA Completion Program

- New policy requires class of **2027** graduates to complete FAFSA, institutional aid application, or signed waiver
- Group approved FAFSA completion support initiative to help families navigate application process/support due to intimidating application process for 17-18 year old students
- Emphasized importance of helping families who might not think students qualify for aid

Motion

Chris Matta made a motion to accept/approve Policy 6148 as presented and that it be brought to the full board for a first read and subsequent approval, seconded by Alice Jones, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED

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III. **Policy 6172.4 Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Title I Students**

- Current Title I allocation of **$58,000** supports:
  - Professional development requirements
  - Partial salary coverage for staff
  - After-school programs
- Noted Title I funding cuts occurred statewide
- Expressed concern about maintaining current programs when funding shifts

Motion

Chris Matta made a motion to accept/approve Policy 6172.4 as presented and that it be brought to the full board for a first read and subsequent approval, seconded by Carol Ann Brown, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

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