



Board of Education Policy Committee

Draft Minutes

December 18, 2023

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education Room

Present: Ms. Lucasey, Ms. Stringer, Ms. Sullivan-Nunes, and Mr. Slentz. The meeting convened at 4:05 p.m.

1. Framing the work

- a. Review and approval of agenda - *This is a running agenda that will determine policies to be addressed at this and upcoming meetings.*

The committee revised dates on upcoming Board and committee meetings and approved the agenda.

2. Updates and Recommendations

Committee

- a. Review of policy status on Policy Worksheet.

The committee reviewed and updated the document to reflect anticipated first readings at the January 9 Board meeting.

- b. Artificial Intelligence Policy 8636

Mr. Slentz updated the Board on the NYSSBA-proposed policy and the technology team review and recommendation. The team does not recommend adopting the proposed policy, but does recommend updating related policies with key language from the sample policy that aligns with our current practices and policy statement from the International Baccalaureate Program. These policies will be reviewed at upcoming committee meetings.

- c. Policy 4810 - Teaching About Controversial Issues

Based on feedback from teachers and administrators, this sample policy will be reviewed at an upcoming committee meeting.

- d. LEA Policy on the Education of Students in Temporary Housing (DF Policy 5151 https://boardpolicyonline.com/?b=dobbs_ferry&s=51191)

- The Office of ESSA-Funded Programs has released a memorandum reminding LEAs of the requirements related to the review and revision of LEA policies on the Education of Students in Temporary Housing.
- LEAs are required to periodically review and revise policies for students in temporary housing to ensure that there are no barriers to school attendance and participation ([see 42 U.S.C. § 11432\(g\)\(1\)\(I\)](#) and [Education Law § 3209\(6\)\(b\)](#)).
- Students in temporary housing have important education rights that differ from those of their permanently housed peers, and those rights must be supported through LEA policies.
- Students in temporary housing are entitled to immediate enrollment in school, access to free meals and Title I services, transportation across

district boundaries to maintain school stability and a prompt resolution of disputes in accordance with federal and state law.

Based on this reminder from NYSED, Board Policy 5151 will be reviewed at an upcoming committee meeting and will include recommended language regarding transportation and legally required distances for the transportation of students in temporary housing.

3. Policy Development and/or Revisions

Committee

a. Carryover from prior meeting

- i. Policy 4321.12 – Use of Time Out Rooms, Physical Restraints and Aversives (with Regulation and Exhibit)

The committee reviewed and revised the policy, regulation, and exhibit. The policy will be presented for a first reading at the January 9 Board meeting.

- ii. Policy 5410 – Students – Head Lice (Pediculosis)
- iii. Policy 5695 – Students and Personal Electronic Devices

The committee will review these policies at the January 17 committee meeting.

4. Action Steps

- a. Determine first reading agenda for January 9 Board meeting
- b. Determine carryover items for January 17 Committee meeting
 - i. Teaching Controversial Topics
 - ii. Pediculosis (align policy and regulation with health services statement)
 - iii. Student Electronic Devices
 - iv. Other required policies

5. Next Meeting Date

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- a. January 17, 2024

6. Adjourn

Committee

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.