

The New London Board of Education Policy Committee meeting was held on August 12, 2025 via Zoom teleconferencing.

1. Call to Order

Nathan Caron, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present for the Committee: Nathan Caron – Committee Chair  
Elaine Maynard-Adams – Committee Member  
Bianca Alexis-Sylvain – Committee Member

Absent for the Committee: Scott Garbini – Community Representative  
Betsy Perkins – Community Representative  
Colleen Delaporta-Wells – NLEA Representative

Present for the Administration: Kristea A. Francolino – Manager of Executive Support Services  
Cynthia Ritchie – Superintendent of Schools

2. Public Comment

*None.*

3. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Ms. Alexis-Sylvain, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 Policy Committee Meeting, with an amended Motion to adjourn included.

***Motion carried, 2-0-1***

***Abstaining: Ms. Maynard-Adams***

4. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Ms. Maynard-Adams, that the following items, as set forth on the Consent Agenda for the Policy Committee meeting of August 12, 2025 be approved unless removed by a Committee Member or the Superintendent of Schools:

- a. Adopt the Following Policies
  - i. 6161.13 – Library Collection Development and maintenance
  - ii. 6161.14 – Library Display and Program
- b. Approve the Following Policies
  - i. 1312 – constituent Service
  - ii. 4112.112 – Sexual Harassment/Title IX (staff)
  - iii. 5145.5 – Sexual Harassment/Title IX (students)

***Motion carried, 3-0***

## 5. Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

## a. Adopt the Following Policies

- i. 5144.12 – Challenging Behavior Prevention: Restorative Practices Response

Motion by Ms. Alexis-Sylvain, seconded by Mr. Caron, to adopt Policy 5144.12 – Challenging Behavior Prevention: Restorative Practices Response.

Ms. Alexis-Sylvain asked for clarification about who is trained on these practices. Dr. Ritchie confirmed that there are trainers on staff and that all administrators and teachers receive the training. Ms. Alexis-Sylvain suggested that all staff, including custodians, secretaries and other staff, receive this training as well.

***Motion carried, 3-0***

- ii. 6161.12 – Library material Review and Reconsideration

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Mr. Caron, to adopt Policy 6161.12 – Library Material Review and Reconsideration.

Ms. Maynard-Adams noted that the policy references a certified school librarian. Dr. Ritchie confirmed that the district does have one at Jennings. Ms. Maynard-Adams also asked if there have been requests for materials to be reviewed or removed. Dr. Ritchie and Ms. Francolino both responded that they have not yet received any such request. Ms. Francolino further noted that these policies are on the agenda as they are newly mandated this year.

Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Ms. Maynard-Adams, to change 3d to state New London Board of Education specifically, and change number 6 as well to also state New London Board of Education specifically.

***Motion carried, 3-0***

***Vote on the main motion as amended: Motion carried, 3-0***

- iii. 6181 – Evaluation of the Special Education Program

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Mr. Caron, to adopt Policy 6181 – Evaluation of the Special Education Program.

Ms. Maynard-Adams asked why this policy is mandated. Dr. Ritchie responded that she believes this is in response to certain task forces at the State level.

Ms. Maynard-Adams asked about the advisory groups referenced in the second paragraph, and if there are any in New London. Dr. Ritchie shared that she was not aware of any. Ms. Maynard-Adams stated that she is ok with approving the policy this evening to get it to the Board, but asked that the question be asked of CAFE to get more clarification on what the advisory boards are.

***Motion carried, 3-0***

b. Approve the Following Policy

i. 0200 – Statement of Educational Goals

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Mr. Caron, to approve Policy 0200 – Statement of Educational Goals.

Ms. Maynard-Adams asked about number 9, and asked for clarification from CAFE.

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Mr. Caron, to add learning after the words social-emotional in number 17.

***Motion carried, 3-0***

Motion by Mr. Caron, seconded by Ms. Alexis, to change the title of the policy to “Statement of Beliefs”.

***Motion carried, 3-0***

***Vote on the main motion as amended: Motion carried, 3-0***

6. Committee Member Comments

Ms. Maynard-Adams stated that she would like to see Policy 0200 – Statement of Educational Goals and Policy 1312 – Constituent Service as a part of the New Board Member training after elections. She shared she believes that it is very important to both understand and be aware of these two policies as they focus on the role of Board members and the chain of command.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Ms. Alexis-Sylvain, to adjourn the meeting.

***Motion carried, 3-0***

***The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Kristea A. Francolino  
Manager of Executive Support Services