

**Suffield Board of Education
Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 10, 2025
8:30 a.m.
Central Office Conference Room**

Attendees: Brian Fry, James Mol, Maureen Sattan, Greg Sparzo, and Superintendent Matthew Dunbar

Absent: Michael Sepko

A. Call to Order - Board member Fry called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

B. Policies for Review and Discussion

a. Proposed New Policy and Regulation #6175 Live Animals in School

This new policy would guide the use of Service/Therapy animals in the schools. Questions were raised about distinction between therapy and service animals, the role of the handler, any potential district costs, and insurance implications. Superintendent Dunbar will gather more information for further discussion at a future meeting.

b. Proposed New Policy #5115(a) Restorative Practices

Superintendent Dunbar explained that the existing policy on school climate had sizable amounts of embedded regulation that may benefit by rewriting as a separate policy item for clarity. "Restorative Practices Response" was identified as an area of interest. Discussion included the importance of new language not contradicting any existing policy text. Superintendent Dunbar will refine any proposed additions/changes to be discussed at a future meeting.

C. Adjournment - The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.