

Policy Committee
Of the Hamden Board of Education

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026

1. Call to order and roll call 5:07 PM
Committee members: Nancy Hill, Chris Piscitelli, Mario Ciccarini, Peter Downhour
Administration: Gary Highsmith, Tom Ariola, Sue Smey
2. Public Comment on agenda items
No public comment
3. Motion to enter executive session to review attorney-client privileged communication regarding business and instruction-related policies inviting Superintendent Gary Highsmith, Sue Smey, Tom Ariola for the portion on purchasing and finance, and Board attorney Dori Antonetti
Motion by: Piscitelli
Second by: Ciccarini
Unanimous
4. Return to Public Session
5. Information and Possible Action Items
Approval to recommend to the BOE revision of the following policies with optional language as recommended by Council and administration
 - i. 6161 Equipment, Books and Materials (*renamed Textbooks and Primary Instructional Materials*)
Motion by: Piscitelli
Second by: Ciccarini
Unanimous
 - ii. 6160 Instructional Resources and 6162 Instructional Resources for Teachers (*combined and renamed Supplemental Instructional Materials*)
Motion by: Hill
Second by: Piscitelli
Unanimous
 - iii. 3320 Purchasing Procedures
Motion by: Hill
Second by: Piscitelli
Unanimous
 - iv. 3542.22 Food Service Personnel – Code of Conduct (*renamed Code of Conduct for Procurements Under a Federal Award*) with optional language capping gifts at \$25.
Motion by: Hill
Second by: Piscitelli
Unanimous
6. Additions to the agenda
Motion to add #6.b.vii. Policy 6161.12 Free to Learn Bill of Rights
Motion by: Hill
Second by: Piscitelli
Unanimous
7. Motion to recommend to the BOE repeal of the following policies:
 - i. Policy 3310 (Purchasing Authority)
 - ii. Policy 3313 (Relations with Vendors)
 - iii. Policy 3313.1 (Local Purchasing)
 - iv. Policy 3321 (Requesting Goods and Services/Requisitions)

- v. Policy 3326 (Paying for Goods and Services)
 - vi. Policy 3326.2 (Emergency Expenditures)
 - vii. Policy 6161.12 (Free to Learn Bill of Rights)
- Motion by: Hill
Second by: Piscitelli
Unanimous

8. Adjourn 7:27 PM