M I N U T E S
Special Meeting
Policy Committee
Monday, May 4, 2026; 5:00 p.m.
Flanders Room
Mitchell Elementary School

Committee Members Present: **Absent:**
Chris Matta, Chair
Carol Ann Brown
Alice Jones
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. Policies

A. Policy 4118.232/4218.232 Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco/Drug and Alcohol Free

- Existing mandated policy updated with revised language including updated definitions to reflect newer products

Motion
Chris Matta made a motion to accept/approve Policy 4118.232/4218.232 as presented and that it be brought to the full board for a first read and subsequent approval, seconded by Caren Lipinski, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

B. Policy 5123 Promotion/Retention

- Existing mandated policy revised
- Board policy is that student promotion decisions are based on both academic performance and social-emotional maturity — neither criterion alone is sufficient
- Administration, teachers, and support staff are all consulted when determining whether to promote or retain a student

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Motion
Chris Matta made a motion to accept/approve Policy 5123 as presented and that it be brought to the full board for a first read and subsequent approval, seconded Alice Jones, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Paige
Secretary

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