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**Suffield Board of Education
Policy Subcommittee Special Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2026
5:00 p.m.
Suffield High School Main Office Conference Room**

Attendees: Brian Fry, Gianna Rossi (via Zoom), Maureen Sattan, Sam Toskin (via Zoom), Assistant Superintendent Laura Norbut, Ed.D., and Superintendent Matthew Dunbar

Absent: Dustin Rose

A. Call to Order - Board member Fry called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

B. Policies for Review and Discussion

a. Revised Library Policy/Regulation #6161.1 and Regulation #6161.12

Administration presented a model policy for consideration regarding a new process for library materials review, with required wording from the State. Subcommittee members will read the policy and it will be discussed at the next policy meeting.

b. Policy/Regulation #5141.41 Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Adults with an Intellectual Disability or Autism Spectrum Disorder

Changes were proposed to use more current language and terminology. Will to move to “first read” at next full Board meeting.

c. Policy/Regulation #6163.3 Live Animals in the Classroom

Discussed and agreed upon. Will to move to “first read” at the next full Board meeting.

d. Policy #6146 Graduation Requirements (U.S. History)

The subcommittee requested that Administration propose a “phase-in” plan to make U.S. History a graduation requirement. The subcommittee will review the proposal at our next Policy meeting.

e. Policy #6141.322 Bring Your Own Technology (Cell Phone Use)

Discussed at length. The topic will be added to the agenda of the next full Board meeting for discussion. The subcommittee requested that Administration provide context and make a recommendation for Board consideration.

f. Policy #9271 Code of Ethics

Policy was not reviewed at this meeting.

Dr. Norbut exited the meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m.. Sam Toskin exited the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

C. Adjournment - The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.