

LYME-OLD LYME SCHOOLS

Regional School District #18

A Private School Experience



in a Public School Setting

Policy and Communications Committee Meeting September 8, 2026

Committee Members Present: Anna James, Policy Chair; Gavin Lodge, Communications Committee Chair; Jason Kemp; Cynthia McCollum; Scott Brown

Administration Present: Ian Neviaser, Superintendent of Schools

Others Present: Bridget Compagno, Director of Communications and Marketing

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Communications Update:

Mrs. Compagno is developing fun and engaging social media content that highlights what's happening across the district. She is also preparing ideas and updates for the new Focus on Education magazine, which will be distributed in early January.

Policy Update:

Mr. Neviaser reviewed the current Policy 5131.81, Use of Electronic and Telecommunications Devices. The committee discussed student use of electronic devices, including concerns related to screen time, access to AI, and the increasing use of smartwatches. The committee plans to gather additional data and faculty input to help develop guidelines for appropriate technology use and consider a potential new policy.

Mr. Neviaser discussed the new Policy 5142.3, Restriction of Electric Personal Mobility Devices and Motorized Recreational Vehicles. The policy addresses concerns regarding the use of electric bikes, dirt bikes, ATVs, electric scooters, and electric skateboards on school property due to student safety and potential property damage. After discussion, the committee agreed to forward the policy to the BOE for approval.

Mr. Neviaser reviewed the current Policy 3542.43 Meal charging. After discussion of the proposed updates, the committee agreed to forward the policy to the BOE for approval.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m