MINUTES
Special Meeting
Policy Committee
Monday, September 14, 2026; 5:30 p.m.
Flanders Room
Mitchell Elementary School

Committee Members Present:
Chris Matta, Chair
Carol Ann Brown
Alice Jones

Absent:
Caren Lipinski

Also Present:
Brian Murphy, Superintendent of Schools
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations

Approved

I. Call to Order

Chris Matta called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Policies

A. Policy 5141.3 Health Assessments and Immunizations

- This is an existing policy updated to be consistent with CT Law, memorializing practices already in place
- Starting the **2027–2028** school year, students in grades **9–12** must receive an annual health assessment before participating in interscholastic athletics, including a screening for serious cardiac conditions that could cause sudden cardiac death
- Religious exemption for immunizations is available only if the family had it in place by **2021**

Motion

Chris Matta made a motion to accept/approve Policy 5141.3 as presented and that it be brought to the full Board for a first read and subsequent approval, seconded by Alice Jones, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

B. Policy 6145.3 Student Clubs

- This is a new policy which establishes clear guidelines for student clubs; distinguishing three categories: school-sponsored curriculum clubs, school-sponsored non-curriculum clubs, and non-school-sponsored clubs
- The policy is grounded in the Federal Equal Access Act, ensuring students have equal access to form lawful clubs while setting requirements around staff involvement, sponsorship, outside organizations, advertising, fundraising, and administrator oversight
- It is noted that even if a student requests a club, administration is not required to approve it — approval is subject to the values of the school district

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III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kimberly Effes
Board Clerk
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