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

Committee Members Present:
Chris Matta, Chair
Carol Ann Brown
Alice Jones (via phone)
Caren Lipinski

Absent:
n/a

Also Present:
Taryn Fernandez, Acting Superintendent of Schools
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations

I. Call to Order

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

II. Policies

A. Policy 6146 Graduation Policy

- This is an existing policy updated to memorialize practices already in place
- Students are required to have 25 credits to graduate. These credits cover English, Social Studies, Math, Science, Financial Literacy, PE/Health and other specified areas
- A portfolio component tied to the Vision of a Learner is being added in place of the Mastery Based Learning credit.
- Completion of the FAFSA, or a waiver, is now a graduation requirement
- SAT/NGSS Prep is a .5 credit course required for students who don't meet the math or evidence based reading and writing proficiency benchmarks on the PSAT, which students take freshman year, sophomore year, and/or fall of junior year, and score a 216 or higher on an NWEA Science assessment.

Approved

Motion

Chris Matta made a motion to accept/approve Policy 6146 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 6146.1 Weighted Grading Policy

- This is an existing policy updated to include dual enrollment and college prep courses.
- The policy provides extra weighting for college preparatory, honors, AP and dual enrollment courses when establishing class rank.

Motion

Chris Matta made a motion to accept/approve Policy 6146.1 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.

C. Policy 6146.2 Statewide Proficiency/Mastery Examinations (Statewide Summative Assessments)

- This is an existing policy updated to specify the types of testing that is offered
- The Policy establishes Region 14's requirements for participation in Connecticut statewide testing:
    - Grades 3-8 take Smarter Balanced ELA and Math assessments
    - Grades 11 takes state approved college readiness assessment
    - Grades 5, 8 and 11 take the NGSS science assessment
- The policy also takes into consideration the testing accommodations for special education students and English learners
- Acknowledges the Federal 95% participation requirement
- Test performance cannot be sole basis for promotion or graduation

Motion

Chris Matta made a motion to accept/approve Policy 6146.2 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.

Approved

III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kimberly Effes
Board Clerk
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