

**Board of Education, Ellington, CT  
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

The Policy Committee of the Ellington Board of Education met on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Administration Building, 47 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

**Attendees:** Mr. Stephen Cullinan, Superintendent  
Dr. Erin McGurk, Director of Educational Services  
Mr. Neil Rinaldi, Principal Ellington High School  
Mr. Steven Moccio, Principal Windermere School  
Mr. John Collins, Information Technology Coordinator  
**Committee Members:** Mrs. Tracey Kiff-Judson, Mr. Dale Roberson  
Mrs. Kris Picard-Wambolt, Mr. Howard Friedman, (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)

**Absent Committee Member:** Mr. Andrew McNamar

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Committee Chairperson, Kris Picard-Wambolt.

**Agenda Items:**

**Review of proposed Policy #5131.9 - Electronic Devices**

This policy is being considered to allow students to bring their own electronic devices to school to enhance their educational experience. Security of our network is a major concern. Also, we do not have wireless access throughout the school buildings. The intent going forward is to ultimately have full wireless access to a robust network that has firewall rules in place to secure that network and allow students access to a guest network supported within our network. At this point, Mr. Collins recommends securing hotspots currently within the building and not allowing access to the district network unless on district devices. Students may access non-district wireless networks if their devices support it.

The proposed policy was reviewed paragraph by paragraph and changes were made. The new policy with the changes made, will be distributed to committee members via email for final approval.

A motion was made to recommend to the full Board of Education approval of Policy #5131.9 - Electronic Devices with changes to be approved via email.

1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Howard Friedman                      2<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs. Tracey Kiff-Judson

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

**Old Business**

Policy #6162.6 and #6163.3 - Use of School Technology was voted on at the last Policy Committee meeting to recommend approval to the full Board of Education with changes made and final approval of committee members via email. This policy as amended was presented to committee members. Discussion followed and additional changes were made. The policy as changed will once again be distributed to committee members via email and upon approval be brought to the full board.

**New Business**

None

**Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn.

1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Howard Friedman                      2<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Tracey Kiff-Judson

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

Kris Picard-Wambolt adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Kris Picard-Wambolt, Policy Committee Chairperson