

Board of Education, Ellington, CT
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

The Policy Committee of the Ellington Board of Education met on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Administration Building, 47 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

Attendees: Mr. Stephen Cullinan, Superintendent
Committee Members: Mrs. Tracey Kiff-Judson, Mr. Michael Purcaro, Mr. Howard Friedman, Mr. Dale Roberson, Mrs. Kris Picard-Wambolt

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Policy Chair Kris Picard-Wambolt.

Agenda Items:

Review of 1000 Series Policies as Presented in CABE's Customized Policy Review

Previously, committee members were given copies of the first draft of the 1000 series of policies for which CABE had completed its review. Prior to tonight's meeting, committee members were to read through all of the policies within this series and determine if each policy is in keeping with board philosophy on each topic. Members were to consider which policies should be included in the policy manual as well as any changes, additions and deletions that were necessary. At this committee meeting the committee discussed policies 1000 through 1170 within the 1000 series to determine which policies to include in the manual. Those that the committee determined should be included in the manual were reviewed word for word. Some we decided to keep as currently written, some needed additional language for clarification or updating, some we chose to use CABE's sample policies to replace the existing policies, some we chose to use a combination of existing language and CABE sample language. In Policy 1100, which had not been modified in twenty years, language was added to include electronic communications as a Board preference for inexpensive and efficient communication. Several policies, Policy 1110.2 - Media Communications, Policy 1112.6 - Videotaping, and Policy 1114 - Social Media will be revisited after comparing the language to policies in other series on similar subjects to assure they are consistent. This along with further review of the 1000 series will be continued at the next Policy meeting, scheduled for February 3, 2014.

Old Business

Mr. Cullinan informed the Committee that the 9000 series of policies came back from CABE as a second draft with three errors that he found. He then returned the draft to CABE for correction. It was returned again but with one item still in red. He again returned it for a clean copy. Upon receipt of the clean second draft, Mr. Cullinan will electronically distribute it to committee members for review. If no further errors are found, this draft will be sent to the full board for acceptance and adoption.

New Business

None

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn.

1st. Mr. Michael Purcaro 2nd. Mrs. Tracey Kiff-Judson

VOTE: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Kris Picard-Wambolt adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by _____
Kris Picard-Wambolt, Policy Committee Chairperson