

Board of Education, Ellington, CT Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

The Policy Committee of the Ellington Board of Education met on Monday, April 28, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the School Administration Building, 47 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

Attendees: Mr. Stephen Cullinan, Superintendent Ellington Public Schools,
Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent-elect Ellington Public Schools
Committee Members: Mrs. Tracey Kiff-Judson, Mr. Dale Roberson, Mr. Howard Friedman,
Mrs. Kris Picard-Wambolt; **Absent Committee Member:** Mr. Mike Purcaro

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Mrs. Kris Picard-Wambolt.

Agenda Items:

Review of the 5000 Series of Policies as Presented in CABE's Customized Policy Review

Prior to this meeting, committee members were given copies of first draft of the 5000 series of policies – Students, for which CABE has completed its review. Committee members were to begin reading through 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 our manual as well as any changes, additions and deletions that were necessary. At this committee meeting, we reviewed and discussed Policies 5000 through 5123. We determined which of these policies to include in our manual. Some were existing policies, others were sample policies provided by CABE. Some policies we chose not to include due to redundancy with policies elsewhere in the manual, or because they were just reiteration of state or federal law and were not necessary to restate as a policy. Several policies we sent for further administrative review to assure they are in keeping with current practice. This includes, but is not limited to Policy 5112- Ages of Attendance, Policy 5113.2 – Truancy, and Policy 5122 – Assigning Students to a Teacher and Classes in Grades K – 12, were sent to all school principals to make sure they are in keeping with current practice. Also, Policy 5122.3 – Assignment of Former Home Schooled Students to Classes, was also sent to all principals as well as to Dr. Erin McGurk, Director of Education, for further review. Policy 5113 – Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal was sent to Mr. Neil Rinaldi, Principal of Ellington High, to address the issue of “Senior Privilege.” We added wording regarding stipulated agreements to Policy 5114 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process and will request that it is further reviewed by Mr. Vin Mustaro of CABE for legal reference. Policy 5114.2 – Suspension from Interscholastic Athletics, as well as Policy 5114.21 – Conduct Code for Participation in Extracurricular Activities, were both sent to Mr. Rinaldi and Mr. Tim McClusky, Athletic Director for review. Additionally, we determined several regulations were unnecessary as the policies themselves are so comprehensive.

Mrs. Picard-Wambolt requested that all Policy committee members finish reading the 5000 series of policies, as the committee will continue discussing the policies at our next meeting beginning with Policy 5124.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn.

1st: Mrs. Tracey Kiff-Judson 2nd: Mr. Howard Friedman

VOTE: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Mrs. Picard-Wambolt adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

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