

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

The Policy Committee of the Ellington Board of Education met on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the School Administration Building, 47 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

**Attendees:** Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent, Dr. Kristy LaPorte, Director of Special Services  
Committee Members: Mrs. Tracey Kiff-Judson, Mrs. Jaime Foster, Mrs. Kris Picard-Wambolt, Mrs. Ann Marie Hayes (5:52 p.m.)  
Absent Committee Member: Mr. Michael Purcaro

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Mrs. Picard-Wambolt.

### **Citizens & Staff Forum**

No one addressed the committee.

### **Consent Agenda**

There was no consent Agenda.

### **Discussion Items:**

#### **Continued Review of Policy 5141.213 – Naloxone Use in School Setting**

Dr. LaPorte shared with the committee research that she has been conducting on this topic. She has reached out to other districts, and has sought input from Susan Virkler, Ellington High School Nurse, and Dr. Ronald Buckman, District Doctor. Dr. LaPorte also distributed to committee members a handout, developed by the National Association of School Nurses, titled “Questions to Consider in Development of Naloxone in School Program”. Committee members shared their questions and concerns with Dr. LaPorte. All agreed this is an important subject, and it is appropriate to have a policy addressing the issue, but there is much to consider when writing the policy. Dr. LaPorte recommends developing a less prescriptive policy than the CAFE sample. She plans to host a meeting to allow various stakeholders to weigh in. She will then present her final recommendations to this committee at a future Policy Committee meeting.

#### **Review of Policy 5145.4 – American with Disabilities Act**

Dr. LaPorte updated the committee in regards to this policy. This is a mandated policy that has been revised to reflect legislative changes effective October 11, 2016, specifically, language has been added updating and clarifying the definition of the term “disability”.

#### **Review of Policy 5118.3 – Children in Foster Care**

Dr. LaPorte explained to the committee this policy is redundant as it is a reiteration of the law. She stated that all recommendations regarding children in foster care come directly from DCF and must be adhered to and would always supersede any district policy, therefore, making the policy unnecessary.

#### **Review of Policy 3230.1 – Federal Grants & Awards Administration**

Dr. Nicol presented this policy to the committee to make us aware of it, yet he explained it is not necessary for our district.

#### **Continued review of Policy 5114 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process**

This policy was discussed at length at prior Policy Committee meetings yet due to an oversight was not properly acted upon and so will be done so at this meeting. No additional discussion was necessary.

### **Review of Policy 3281.2 – Online Fundraising Campaigns – Crowdfunding**

This is a new optional policy Dr. Nicol presented to the committee to consider. Dr. Nicol said the issue has not yet come up in our district, but he feels it is just a matter of time before it does, as crowdfunding is a relatively new phenomenon but is quite prevalent in our society. The policy defines crowdfunding and provides guidelines for any proposal to crowdfund for district benefit. The committee had questions and concerns including, but not limited to: Which website(s) would be used? How much is the website's cut of the monies collected? What happens to the money if the goal is not reached? What would be the Board's involvement? We also had concerns regarding consistency among related policies and ultimately referred to existing Policy 3280 – Gifts Grants & Bequests/Gifts to Schools. The committee determined there is no need for a separate crowdfunding policy, but should be included as a subset of Policy 3280. Dr. Nicol will develop comprehensive language regarding crowdfunding to be included in Policy 3280 and present it to the committee at a future Policy Committee meeting for further discussion and consideration.

### **Action Items**

A motion was made to add a motion to recommend the full Board of Education adopt Policy 5145.4 – Americans with Disabilities Act as presented.

1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Kiff-Judson

2<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs. Foster

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

A motion was made to recommend the full Board of Education adopt Policy 5114 – Suspension and Expulsion/ Due Process as presented.

1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Foster

2<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs. Kiff-Judson

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

### **Old Business/New Business**

The committee reviewed the new agenda format and decided to eliminate the headings "Consent Agenda" and "Correspondence" from future agendas, agreeing the remainder of the agenda format is appropriate.

A committee member voiced concerns regarding inconsistent implementation/enforcement of parts of the Wellness Policy. Dr. Nicol stated the policy is scheduled to be reviewed by our committee this spring and any change in practice will be universally implemented at the beginning of the next school year.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn.

1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Foster

2<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs. Hayes

Vote: Unanimous. The motion passed.

Mrs. Picard-Wambolt adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Kris Picard-Wambolt, Policy Committee Chairperson