

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

The Policy Committee of the Ellington Board of Education met on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Administration Building, 47 Main Street, Ellington, Connecticut.

Attendees: Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brian Hendrickson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance and Operations

Committee Members: Ms. Tracey Kiff-Judson, Ms. Liz Nord, Dr. Jaime Foster, Ms. Kris Picard-Wambolt

Absent Committee Members: Ms. Kerry Socha, Mr. Michael Purcaro

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Ms. Picard-Wambolt.

Agenda Items:

1. Discussion on Policy 5144.4 – Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students

This policy was revised due to recent legislative changes. The state legislature reemphasized the prohibition of withholding recess and also undirected play as punishment. School employees may not prevent a student in elementary school from participating in the entire time devoted to physical exercise or undirected play in the regular school day. Additionally, it states each student in elementary school shall have not less than twenty minutes daily in total devoted to physical exercise, more is permitted.

A motion was made to recommend to the full Board acceptance of revised Policy 5144.4 – Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students as presented.

1st. J. Foster

2nd. L. Nord

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

2. Discussion on Policy 5114 – Suspension and Expulsion/ Due Process

This policy was revised due to legislative changes. The definition of “expulsion” was expanded. Now, in order to be considered for expulsion a student’s conduct must be found to be both a violation of Board policy and either seriously disruptive of the educational process or endangering persons or property.

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

1st. J. Foster

2nd. L. Nord

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

3. Discussion on Policy 6142.10 – School Wellness Policy

This policy is reviewed annually and has been revised multiple times. The last time the committee revised it, we streamlined the policy itself including process in the administrative regulations, as is our current practice. In doing that, this required policy was no longer in compliance with State

Department of Education standards, though practice remained in compliance. This revision adds back in a section titled “Goals for Other School-Based Activities”. The committee engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding district wellness, including the roles of the Wellness Committee and Food Service, wellness policies, and curriculum regarding health and wellness. Dr. Foster provided the committee with WellSAT: 3.0, a wellness school assessment tool. We discussed how this tool might be used to assess, promote, and improve student wellness within the district.

A motion was made to recommend to the full Board acceptance of revised Policy 6142.1– School Wellness Policy as presented and with the addition of language regarding evidence based best practices as discussed.

1st. J. Foster

2nd. L. Nord

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

4. Discussion on Policy 3542.43 – Charging Policy

This policy was revised to reflect current practice and Board philosophy that every student should have a regular lunch regardless of their account balance. Mr. Greenleaf reviewed with the committee the process for collecting on delinquent accounts.

A motion was made to recommend to the full Board acceptance of revised Policy 3542.43 – Charging Policy as presented.

1st. J. Foster

2nd. L. Nord

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

1st. J. Foster

2nd. L. Nord

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm by Ms. Picard-Wambolt.

Respectfully submitted by _____

Kris Picard-Wambolt, Policy Committee Chair