

Policy and Legislation Committee
Oct. 22, 2020
Minutes prepared by Ann Sweeney

Committee members present:

Ann Sweeney
Charles Stango
Liz Brown
Karen Harvey

Also present:

Dr. Epperson
Dr. Ruffin

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Chair, Ann Sweeney

Item 1. Revised Admission policy #5111

Presented by Dr. Epperson

Policy was revised to reflect guidance from the CT State Dept of Education. Points of revision clarified the rights of resident children to attend school, process for homeless students, acceptable proof of residency, requirements for immunization, and the enrollment process.

Motion to recommend approval of revised Admission policy #5111

Made by Liz Brown 2nd by Karen Harvey

Yeas-4 Nays-0 Abstentions-0

Motion passed

Send to Nov. 19th regular meeting.

Item 2. Revised Ages of Attendance policy #5112

Presented by Dr. Epperson

Policy was revised to reflect guidance from the CT State Dept. of Education. Points of revision clarified the rights of resident children to attend school, process for homeless students, acceptable proof of residency, requirements for immunization, and the enrollment process.

Motion to recommend approval of revised Ages of Attendance policy #5112

Made by Charles Stango Second by Liz Brown

Yeas-4 Nays-0 Abstentions-0

Motion passed

Send to Nov 19th regular meeting

Item 3. Revised Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco Policy #5131.6

Presented by Dr. Epperson

Suggested revision by CABA to add language identifying CBD as a substance of concern.

Committee concerns voiced relating to another situation that would subject student to discipline for a substance not considered harmful.

Motion to recommend approval of revised Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco Policy #5131.6

Made by Charles Stango Second-none

Chair will follow up with Legal

Item 4. Discussion- Bi-Annual review of Standing Committees

Committee reviewed statistics for the previous 2 years of activity for all sub committees- meetings held, purpose and outcomes and any cancellations. Committee agreed that current structures are working. A previous concern regarding cancellation due to lack of quorum have

resolved due to previous adjustments and consolidation of committee. No further adjustments were suggested at this time. There was a concern raised regarding committee recommendations bypassing workshop and going direct to vote at regular meeting. This was a suggestion agreed upon by the entire board to improve efficiency of operations and place trust in committee recommendations. At the chair's suggestion, Commissioner Harvey will request that President Pagano put this concern to the board at a workshop discussion.

Item 5. Discussion- Revision of Bylaws

President Pagano has requested the committee review and consider revisions to bylaws that better delineate Board member responsibility as an agent of the state, to the district, the superintendent, chain of command and meeting decorum and protocols.

The committee was advised to review samples from Colchester Public Schools and C.A.B.E. President Pagano is also reviewing Hartford and Middletown, and other bylaws, and he will continue to advise his recommendations.

The committee was encouraged to add their own suggestions. The chair advised that this will be a continuing conversation to achieve meaningful revisions to propose to the board.

Item 6. Discussion- November Policy and Legislation Committee meeting date

The November Policy and Legislation Committee meeting will be Wed. Nov. 18, 2020 at 5:30pm.

Motion to adjourn

Made by-Liz Brown

Second-Karen Harvey

Committee adjourned at 6:11pm