



Policy Subcommittee Special Meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2022 5:30 PM

Board Meeting Room
Administrative Offices
137 B Glenwood Road
Clinton, CT 06413

Purpose of the Policy Subcommittee: Reviews and updates Board policies and regulations based upon recent legislation and models provided by legal counsel. Recommends or reviews policies as necessary to respond to locally important topics as they arise.

Attendance Taken at 5:28 PM.

Jason Adler: Present
Erica Gelven: Present
Michael Hornyak: Present
Alan Samet: Present
Jack Scherban: Present

1. Opening Exercises

A. Roll call

Also in attendance were Superintendent M. O'Donnell, Assistant Superintendent M. Famiglietti, Morgan Assistant Principal Chris Luther, Admin Assistant Cassie Cannamela, and Morgan students Jessica Flanagan and Caroline King.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All participants stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Review of Dress Code Policy #5132

Superintendent O'Donnell gave an overview of the review of the dress code policy which took place at The Morgan School. She stated that while the policy is for all schools in the district, the high school is typically most affected. She stated that the goal would be to have the dress code policy revised and approved before the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. Students Caroline King and Jessica Flanagan introduced themselves and joined Assistant Principal Chris Luther in presenting their research and dress code recommendations to the subcommittee. Superintendent O'Donnell directed the subcommittee to the BoardBook attachment containing the proposed revised policy from Shipman and Goodwin which included required language per state and federal statute. The subcommittee and participants discussed the proposal and possible implications for the new policy. Subcommittee Chair Jason Adler described some of the past events and rationale for the inclusion of some of the current items in the policy which are in response to school safety and security. The subcommittee and administrators complimented the students for their research and presentation. Superintendent O'Donnell stated that she would like to share the topic with teacher leadership and other stakeholders for their feedback and input. Subcommittee Chair Jason Adler asked for the school resource officer's opinion as well. This policy will be up for further review and discussion at the next policy subcommittee meeting.

3.Review of Administration of Student Medications Policy #5141

Superintendent O'Donnell displayed policy #5141 for the subcommittee. She stated that School Nurse Supervisor Frechette and Emergency Management Director Mike Neff would be present at the next meeting to provide input and answer questions. The Superintendent answered questions posed by subcommittee members.

4.Continue Review of Legal Counsel Recommended Updates from December 2020 and Summer 2021

Superintendent O'Donnell led the subcommittee through a review of model policy and administrative regulation recommendations from legal counsel. Policies 5114, 5125, 5148, 5157, 5158, 6300, 6303 and 6310 will be brought to the Board of Education meeting on March 4 for a first reading.

5.Review of Legal Counsel Recommended Updates from November 2021

Superintendent O'Donnell shared model policy updates from November 2021 and stated these would be the next set of policies to be reviewed. She will select a subset from this list for the subcommittee to review at their next meeting.

6.General Discussion

7.Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by M. Famiglietti