

Suffield Board of Education
Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm
Central Office Conference Room

Attendees: Board members: Debra Dudack, Kendra Wiesel, Susan Mercik Davis, and Maureen Sattan, and Superintendent Karen Berasi.

Absent: Matthew Service

I. Call to Order: 6:04 pm

II. Policies for Review and Discussion:

1. **Policy 6172.1 - Gifted/Talented Program**: Subcommittee members reviewed the current language in the policy and discussed options for moving forward to ensure better identification of Gifted and Talented students as well as providing services for them. Members discussed programs in other districts, such as Avon. While there will be changes needed to the policy to expand the focus beyond differentiation, members agreed discussions should initially take place in the Curriculum and Instruction committee to develop a path towards providing services to students once identified. Once that path is determined, the Policy Subcommittee will revisit this policy to make the necessary changes to facilitate the new direction. Superintendent Berasi says the district is planning to move forward with assessing all third grade students beginning next school year, under our current policy.
2. **Policy 6142.101 - Wellness Policy**: Subcommittee members discussed final revisions to the draft language, which establishes a district-wide Wellness Committee; sets goals and guidelines for nutrition promotion and education; and sets goals and guidelines for physical activity and physical education. The draft language will be presented to the full Board of Education for 30-day reading at its next meeting.
3. **Bylaw #9250 - Remuneration and Reimbursement**: Subcommittee members discussed revisions to this Bylaw, as well as the need to draft a regulation detailing specific circumstances for reimbursement for Board-related travel. The regulation will include stipends for hotel and meals; exclusions for alcohol; a recommendation to book hotels with block or other discounted rates; a recommendation to book conferences during early bird registration; a recommendation that mileage reimbursement aligns with current State and/or District practices; and that Board members shall report back to the Board on their experience and lessons learned during professional development opportunities. The Bylaw and accompanying regulation will be presented to the full Board of Education for 30-day read at its next meeting.
4. **Bylaw #9260 - Board Member Protection**: Subcommittee members discussed revisions to this Bylaw. It will be presented to the full Board for 30-day read at its next meeting.
5. **Bylaw #9270 - Conflict of Interest**: Subcommittee members discussed revisions to this Bylaw. It will be presented to the full Board for 30-day read at its next meeting.

Subcommittee members plan to resume their work reviewing Bylaws at their next meeting, starting with Bylaw #9271 - Code of Ethics.

III. Adjournment

The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.