

Suffield Board of Education
Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
8.17.18 at 9:00 am
Central Office Conference Room

Attendees: Board members: Susan Mercik Davis, Maureen Sattan, Debra Dudack, and Kendra Wiesel. Administrators: Michelle Zawawi, Interim Superintendent; and Jim Blain, Suffield High School Principal.

I. Call to Order: 9:07 am

II. Policies for Review and Discussion:

1. **Bylaw #9160 - Student Representation on Board of Education**: Subcommittee members, Michelle Zawawi and Jim Blain discussed adding student representatives to the Board to participate in regular meeting as non-voting members. The group decided to recommend that the Board add two student representatives, a junior and a senior, join the Board for a minimum of one meeting per month. Interested students will submit a letter of intent each spring and will be selected by a panel. This year, the subcommittee will recommend student reps be selected to join the Board upon approval of the Bylaw. The Bylaw will head to the Board for 30-day read.
2. **Policy #6159 - Individualized Education/Special Education Program**: Subcommittee members discussed changes in state law which has led to the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education to recommend updates to special education policies. Subcommittee members plan to do additional research on this subject, and will seek guidance from the District's Interim Director of Special Services at an upcoming meeting prior to recommending language for the full Board to consider on Policy #6159. Additional policies under review by the subcommittee as a result of these changes in state law include Policy #6171.1 and #6171.3.
3. **Policy #5144 - Student Discipline**: Changes in state law are prompting the need for the Board to revise this policy. Subcommittee members and Michelle Zawawi plan to do additional research prior to developing suggested language for the full Board to consider. Additional policies under review by the subcommittee as a result of these changes in state law include Policy #5114 and Policy #5131.
4. **Policy #5141.21 - Administering Medication**: Subcommittee members reviewed proposed revisions to this policy, based on changes in state law. The policy with language addressing the change in state law will head to the full Board for 30-day read. The entire policy will be reviewed by the subcommittee at a later date.
5. **Policy #6142.101 - Wellness Policy**: Subcommittee members discussed next steps for the Wellness Committee which will include a meeting in mid to late September to review feedback received on the Policy and discussion of potential items for the required Action Plan.

III. Adjournment

The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.