

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 26, 2017 LOCATION: Branford High School Lower Media Center
SUBJECT: Policy Committee Branford, CT

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ATTENDANCE

HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	Dr. Kate Marsland, Co-Chair	Board of Education
Y	John O'Connor, Co-Chair	Board of Education
N	Joanne Borrus	Board of Education
N	Maria Ehrhardt	Board of Education
Y	Judith Hotz	Board of Education
Y	Michael A. Krause, CIC	Board of Education
N	John Prins	Board of Education
Y	Elizabeth Regan	Board of Education
N	Shannen Sharkey	Board of Education
N	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Dr. Anthony Buono, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others present:

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Co-Chair O'Connor.

MINUTES

02 MOTION to approve the minutes from the March 29, 2017 (Marsland/O'Connor) Policy Committee meeting.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

03 A. The Committee discussed the Safe School Climate Plan, as offered by the Safe School Climate Committee - a committee of educators and administrators in each school. In order to meet statutory requirements, the plan must be recommended to and approved by the full Board of Education in a timely manner. However, the Policy Committee would like some changes/additions to the plan.

MOTION (Hotz/O'Connor) to recommend to the full Board the Safe School Climate Plan dated December 2016 with minor grammatical/typographical corrections. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION (Hotz/O'Connor) to recommend the following changes/additions to the next iteration of the Safe School Climate Plan:

- 1) language that defines and addresses aggressive behavior by one individual against several others, which differs from the definition of "bullying" as repeated acts of aggression against one individual.
- 2) language that addresses the course of action taken by administration when an investigation of bullying is found NOT meet the legal definition of bullying but is still requiring action, particularly with regards to communication to parents of the complainant.

B. Policy Committee tabled the discussion of the following policies:

- a. 4112.4/4212.4 (Hotz)
- b. 4112.5/4212.5 (Hotz)
- c. 4112.6/4212.6 (O'Connor)
- d. 4115 (O'Connor)
- e. 4117.4 (Marsland)
- f. 4118.11/4218.11 (Marsland)
- g. 4118.14/4218.14 (Regan)
- h. 4119/4219 (Regan)
- i. 2400 (ALL)

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ADJOURNMENT

05 The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm by Co-Chairman O'Connor.

The next Policy Committee meeting will be May 17, 2017, at 6:00 pm in the BHS Lower Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Regan
Secretary