

**SUFFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Suffield, CT**

Board of Education Policy Subcommittee

April 1, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Karen Baldwin, Jim Collin, Lori D'Ostuni, Jeanne Gee, Donna Hayward, Becky Osleger, Mary Lou Sanborn, Natalie Semyanko

Chair, Mary Lou Sanborn, called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

Virtual/Online Learning for Credit Recovery

Donna Hayward, SHS principal, provided an update to the subcommittee regarding the progress of the above mentioned. Odysseyware was chosen as the software company to provide the online credit recovery courses to those students needing this program. Personnel training for SHS teachers is currently taking place. 14 students are enrolled in the program. A copy of the report will be given to all BOE members. A copy of this report will also be considered as part of the minutes to the meeting.

Policy #5125.3 – Directory Information

Due to recent revisions to policy #5125 – Student Confidentiality, the policy subcommittee is recommending that policy #5145.15 be dissolved and replaced by policy #5125.3. Both policies will be placed as a 30 day read to the BOE April 22nd meeting agenda.

Policy #6141.322 – Bring Your Own Technology

This policy was reviewed to delete editorial references from policies #5131.81, 5131.82, 5131.913 already considered dissolved. This policy will be placed on a 30 day read for the BOE April 22nd meeting agenda.

Policy #4118.5/4218.5 – Certified/Non-Certified Responsible Use

This policy was reviewed to delete editorial references from policy #6141.324 already considered dissolved. This policy will be placed on a 30 day read for the BOE April 2nd meeting agenda.

Policy #6141.323 – Internet Acceptable Use

This policy was reviewed. The policy subcommittee is recommending this policy be dissolved as the policy information is covered in policy #6141.321 – Student Responsible Use. This policy will be placed on a 30 day read for the BOE April 22nd meeting agenda.

Policy #5141.221 – Pediculosis

Policy subcommittee members reviewed a letter that will be sent to parents noting revisions to the BOE policy and communications with parents. It was suggested by the subcommittee members that a reference to a hyperlink for “signs and symptoms” be included in the letter. Editorial changes were also suggested.

Policy #6146 – Graduation Requirements

Due to testing revisions as a result of the transition to the Common Core State Standards, the reference to the CAPT will be revised to include science only. Karen Baldwin will reword the section of the policy relating to the “appropriate state assessment”. This policy will be included on the agenda for the May 6th BOE Policy Subcommittee meeting.

Further discussion of this policy took place regarding the credits for the vocational/fine arts requirements. Due to the fact that the State has not advanced additional guidelines related to Secondary School reform, there is interest on the subcommittee in reviewing credit requirements in the vocational/fine arts, specifically examining the possibility of flexibility in this credit requirement. It was decided to determine what other districts are doing and in the future involve more stakeholders in the discussion to revise this policy. This policy will be added as a future agenda item to the BOE Policy Subcommittee agenda.

The next BOE Policy Subcommittee meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 6th.