

Suffield Board of Education
Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2015 – 7:00 a.m.
Central Office Conference Room

Attendees: Lori D'Ostuni, Natalie Semyanko, Matt Service, Kendra Wiesel

- I. Call to Order: 7:01 a.m.
- II. Policies for Review and Discussion:

Policy/Regulation 4118.113/4128.113 – Harassment

The members reviewed the policy with the focus it apply to all students, staff members, board members, parents, vendors, contracted individuals, volunteers, other employees and other visitors. Discussion revolved around creating a safe, positive learning and working climate for students and employees. The members made suggestions the Policy Chair will give to the Superintendent for consideration when the regulation is reviewed. The subcommittee recommended the policy go to the next board meeting for first read and the Superintendent determine if the regulation is ready for first read at the next board meeting.

Policy 5145.4 – Non-discrimination

The policy needed review to be up-to-date with legislation in non-discrimination. The group reviewed CABA's policy example, another district's policy and the Connecticut State Statute. The subcommittee decided to send the policy to first read at the next board meeting after a legal review.

Policy/Regulation 5145.5 – Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment (Students)

The members determined the policy should also clarify that it applies to the same groups as Policy 4118.113/4128.113. The groups listed in the aforementioned policy were restated in this policy. The members looked at CABA's policy example and felt the definition section better clarified the board's expectations. The members again made suggestions the Policy Chair will give to the Superintendent for consideration when the regulation, containing the complaint procedure is reviewed. The subcommittee recommended the policy go to the next board meeting for first read and the regulation be reviewed and the Superintendent determine if the regulation is ready for first read at the next board meeting.

Regulation 6145.22 – Sportsmanship

Steve Mocchio graciously responded with suggestions for the regulations to the Policy Chair's last minute note. The group decided to postpone until the next meeting for Steve to have time to make any additional changes.

- III. Upcoming Policies

The group discussed looking at the policy for graduation requirements and not waiting for the state as legislatures having been postponing changes for a decade.

IV. Policy Review – Process/Timeline
No discussion was held.

V. Adjournment: 8:32 a.m.