

Suffield Board of Education
Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2015 – 7:00 a.m.
Central Office Conference Room

Attendees: Lori D'Ostuni, Natalie Semyanko, Jeanne Gee, Kendra Wiesel, Steve Moccio, Karen Berasi

I. Call to Order: 7:04 a.m.

Public Comment

Doriana Vicedomini had no request but had been asked to come to the meeting. Jon Metcalfe would like to see parents as real partners with the school and requested visits to the schools for classroom observations are unrestricted.

II. Policies for Review and Discussion:

Regulation 6145.22 – Sportsmanship

Steve's recommendations for review of the existing regulation defining sportsmanship were distributed to the subcommittee. The subcommittee recommended sending the regulation to the next board meeting for first read.

Policy 5145.4 – Non-discrimination

The members reviewed the policy one more time with legal review changes. The subcommittee recommended the policy go to the next board meeting for first read.

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

The members reviewed the regulation changes brought forward by the Superintendent pertaining to the complaint procedure. The Superintendent explained the rationale. The group asked questions about which position in the district is best to handle complaints at each step in the process. The subcommittee recommended placing the regulation with the policy on the next board meeting agenda for first read.

Policy 1250 and 1250.1 – Visits to the Schools and Classroom Observations

At the first read of Policy 1250, the board requested the subcommittee separate the parts of the policy that only pertain to classroom observations into a separate policy for better clarity. The discussion included confidentiality waivers. The subcommittee recommended sending both policies to the next board meeting as a continuation of the first read.

III. Upcoming Policies

Transportation and Roads will need to be added to the next Policy Agenda. The Board Bylaws, the 9000 series, will need a board discussion for direction to the subcommittee.

IV. Policy Review – Process/Timeline

The Policy Subcommittee will reconvene after the Board training in January.

V. Adjournment: 8:16 a.m.