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Trumbull Public Schools
Trumbull, Connecticut
Trumbull Board of Education Policy Committee
Regular Meeting – August 19, 2015
Long Hill Administration Building Assembly Room

The Trumbull Board of Education Policy Committee convened in the Long Hill Administration Building for a Regular Meeting.

Members present:

Loretta Chory, BOE member
Susan LaFrance, BOE member
Dr. Jonathan Budd, Central Office Admin.
Patricia Frillici, TAA Rep
Laura McNaughton, TEA Rep
Jennifer Mottolese, Parent Rep
Kristine Kelty Murano, Parent Rep
Cindy Katske, Community Rep

Members absent:

Rosemary Seaman, Chair, BOE member
Mary Pierson, Community Rep
Bryan Woodward, Parent Rep

Rita Ciarmella, Admin. Assistant

Guest: Pauline Smith, PPS Director

Agenda Item I—Preliminary Business

- A. Introduction—The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. In the absence of Board Member Seaman, Board Member Chory served as Chair.
- B. Correspondence—There was no correspondence.
- C. Public Participation—There were no public comments.

Agenda Item II—Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes 7/22/15 meeting—By unanimous consent of members present at that meeting , the minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Item III—Reports

- A. Board Meetings—Dr. Budd conveyed the Board met on August 4 and 18, 2015 for regular meetings. Two policies, Affirmative Action and Non-Discrimination in Employment, were presented to the Board for a first reading on August 4th. Since there were no changes, these policies will be brought to the Board for a second reading and approval in September.

Agenda Item IV—Policy Review/Discussion

- A. Special Education, Policy Code 6171— PPS Director Pauline Smith shared that this is a required policy by State law. The language of the revised policy comes directly from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) policy manual. This policy will replace Special Education Instruction. The Committee voted by unanimous consent to bring this revision to the Board for a first reading in September.

- B. Individualized Education Program/Special Education, Policy Code 6159— Pauline Smith conveyed that this policy outlines the components of special education and the work involved in complying with State and Federal regulations. The revised policy describes the plan for students in need of a specialized program of instruction. The language of the policy comes directly from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) policy manual. The Committee voted by unanimous consent to bring this revision to the Board for a first reading in September.
- C. Pre-School Special Education, Policy Code 6171.2— Pauline Smith shared that this is a new policy required by State and Federal law. The language of the policy comes directly from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) policy manual. The Committee voted by unanimous consent to bring this revision to the Board for a first reading in September.
- D. Use of Physical Force/Restraints, Policy Code 5131.911— Pauline Smith conveyed that this policy needs additional review and updating to reflect new State and Federal laws which recently became effective. The Committee voted by unanimous consent to table this policy for continued discussion at the next meeting.
- E. Bullying Prevention and Intervention, Policy Code 5131.911— Dr. Budd shared that he has been working with Pauline Smith, who serves as Trumbull Public Schools’ Safe School Climate Coordinator, on updating this policy to comply with state and federal law. Dr. Budd thoroughly reviewed all changes to the policy, including the addition of teen dating violence, statutory responsibilities, student protection, anonymous reporting, etc. The Committee voted by unanimous consent to bring this revision to the Board for a first reading in September.
- F. Civility and Decorum, Policy Code 1316.1 — Board Member Chory indicated that this item will be continued for discussion at the next meeting.
- G. Budget Transfer, Policy Code 3160 — Dr. Budd reviewed the addition of one sentence to the policy which is needed to comply with State statute. The Committee voted by unanimous consent to bring this revision to the Board for a first reading in September.
- H. Attendance Grades K-8, Policy Code 5113.1— Dr. Budd reviewed changes to the policy to comply with State statute and definition of excused and unexcused absences. The Committee voted by unanimous consent to table this policy for continued discussion at the next meeting.
- I. Non-Discrimination in Instruction/Classroom, Policy Code 6121.4 —Dr. Budd shared that this policy is still being reviewed by the Board’s attorney.
- J. Audit Committee of the Trumbull Board of Education—Mrs. Chory indicated that this item will be tabled until the next meeting.

Agenda Item V—Future Discussion

Dr. Budd reviewed the policy overview for Concussions and Head Injuries; the current policy must be updated to reflect current State laws.

Adjournment

The next Policy Committee meeting will take place September 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.