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Policy Committee Meeting Minutes January 24, 2024

A meeting of the Bristol Board of Education Regular Policy Committee was held on January 24, 2024, in Room 36 at the BoE and via the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT: Committee members: Shelby Pons, Kristen Giantonio, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula

ALSO PRESENT Commissioners: Maria Simmons, Russell Anderson, Jennifer Van Gorder, Lorianne Osenkowski, Dante Tagariello, Dr. Michael Dietter, and Dr. Catherine Carbone.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, the minutes were approved from November 21, 2023.

3. Public Comment:

3.1. Maria Simmons, 70 Ipswich Road, Bristol, CT 06010

4. Discipline and Recess Model Policy 5144.4:

On a motion by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula and seconded by Commissioner Giantonio this item was moved from item #6 to item #4 on the agenda and then opened for discussion. After discussing the language in both the model policy and the current BPS policy there was a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula to table this item until next month's meeting for further discussion and for Commissioners to bring specific questions and/or language regarding Policy 5144.4.

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5. Policy Committee Calendar:

On a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula the Policy Committee Calendar for 2024-2025 was accepted.

6. Discussion Items -

Policy 1230 - Community Relations

Policy 3515 - Conduct on School Property

Policy 1316 - Community Use of School Facilities

Policy 4118.231 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace

Policy 5131.6 - Alcohol Use, Drugs and Tobacco

On a motion by Commissioner Pons and seconded by Commissioner Giantonio these items were postponed until the next Policy Meeting when we have the model language for our Attorney.

7. Menstrual Product Update:

Dr. Dietter gave an update on the menstrual products (pads & tampons) that have been placed in all of the middle and high schools. He stated that we are compliant with the current legislation for the State of CT.

8. 5111 - Admission/Age of Attendance:

8.1. CABA Model 5111 - Admission/Placement

On a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, Policy 5111 was accepted with updates and revisions and will be moved to the Full Board for approval.

9. 5112 - Ages of Attendance:

9.1. CABA Model 5112 - Age of Attendance

9.2. 5111/5112 Operationalized

On a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, Policy 5112 was accepted with updates and revisions and will be moved to the Full Board for approval.

10. CT School Climate Policy 5131.91:

On a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Pons this item was tabled until the next Policy Meeting.

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11. Adjournment:

The Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Pons.

Submitted by:

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Recording Secretary

Bristol Board of Education

APPROVED