

CHESHIRE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held Virtually via YouTube Live Stream

June 1, 2021 – 6:30 PM

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YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/cheshirepublicschools.

Public comments were accepted at CPSCovid19@cheshire.k12.ct.us.

Committee Members Present: Adam Grippo, Chair; Tim White

Committee Members Absent: Kathryn Hallen

Administrators Present: Jeffrey Solan, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:40 P.M.

Mr. Grippo called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. Public Comment via CPSCovid@cheshire.k12.ct.us.

None.

III. Review Policies for a Second Reading.

Dr. Solan reviewed that the revisions to Policy #5141 Student Health Services are in regard to Health Assessments for students. Any student participating in an interscholastic sports program must have a health assessment. Their physical examination must be valid for 13 months and cover the athlete for the entire sport season (including the tryout period. Physicals cannot expire during the season. This is to prevent a medical risk to the student and also legal liability for the district. In addition to those changes, our District Nurse Coordinator reviewed this policy and is recommending revisions to align with state statute.

MOTION by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Grippo.

MOVED to bring Policy #5141 to the full Board for a second reading.

VOTE: The Motion passed unanimously 2-0.

IV. Review Policies for a Third Reading.

The Committee reviewed the following policy for a third reading and approval. There have been not changes made since the second reading.

6159 Instruction - Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program

As a result of a State of Connecticut court decision, all students with disabilities who have not yet turned 22 years of age and who have not received a regular high school diploma, remain eligible for special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) up until their 22nd birthday. Previously, the exit age of these students was 21. The following language will be added to the policy:

“Students receiving special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) remain eligible for such services up until their 22nd birthday or until they graduate from high school with a regular high school diploma, whichever comes first. The adult student or his/her parent/guardian will be asked by the District if the student wishes to receive the special education and related services outlined in their Individualized Education Program (IEP) until they turn 22 years of age or they graduate with a regular high school diploma, whichever comes first.”

MOTION by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Grippo.

MOVED that Policy #6159 Instruction - Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program be brought to the full Board for a third reading and approval.

VOTE: The Motion passed unanimously 2-0.

V. Other.

None.

VI. Adjournment.

On a Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Grippo, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Grippo, Policy Committee Chair

Attest: _____
Carol Jesensky, Board Clerk

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