

**CHESHIRE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 13, 2021 AT DODD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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Committee Members Present: Adam Grippo, Chair; Tim White
Committee Members Absent: Kathryn Hallen
Administrators Present: Jeffrey Solan, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools (6:50); Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent

A. 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.

B. Public Comment.

None.

C. Review Policy for a First Reading.

Policy #5131/911 Student/Hazing/Bullying

Ms. Silano explained that the laws regarding this policy have changed. Superintendent Solan is recommending that we replace our current policy with the CABE recommended policy to align with current statute. The biggest change to this policy is the definition of bullying. It now includes the addition of different types of bullying, not just student to student. Mr. Grippo questioned if the law changed to allow a victim to know the consequences of a resolution. Dr. Solan said that a resolution can be discussed, but details of the outcome are still not allowed.

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

MOVED to bring Policy #5131.911 Student/Hazing/Bullying to the full Board for a first reading.

VOTE: The Motion passed unanimously 2-0.

D. Review Policy for a Second Reading.

Policy #4118.11/4218.11 Nondiscrimination

Superintendent Solan explained there have been no changes to this policy since the First Reading. The revisions are required due to changes in State statute. The following language is being added:

“Race” is inclusive of ethnic traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles. “Protective hairstyles” includes, but is not limited to, wigs, headwraps and hairstyles such as individual braids, cornrows, locs, twists, Bantu knots, afros and afro puffs.

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

MOVED to bring Policy #4118.11/4218.11 Nondiscrimination to the full Board for a second reading.

VOTE: The Motion passed unanimously 2-0.

E. Review Policies for a Third Reading and Approval.

4000.1 Personnel Certified/Non-Certified - Title IX / 5145.44 Students – Title IX

Dr. Solan noted there have been no changes to this policy since the previous readings. The policies and its accompanying administrative regulations have been dual-codified to pertain to both personnel and students. This is an entirely new policy with administrative regulations. The regulations contain the mandated grievance-investigative process.

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

MOVED to bring Policy 4000.1 Personnel Certified/Non-Certified - Title IX / 5145.44 Students – Title IX to the full Board for a third reading and approval.

VOTE: The Motion passed unanimously 2-0.

F. Other.

Dr. Solan noted that he had no further information to report on a civility code at this time.

G. Adjournment.

On a Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Grippo, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Grippo, Policy Committee Chair

Attest: _____
Carol Jesensky, Board Clerk

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