

**CHESHIRE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held Virtually via YouTube Live Stream

March 2, 2021 – 6:30 PM

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Committee Members Present: Adam Grippo, Chair; Kathryn Hallen; Tim White

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:35 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 First Reading.**

Dr. Solan noted that the Committee comprehensively reviewed a number of policies over the last few years. Tonight he introduced some policies that require only minor changes, reflecting updated contemporary protocols and contemporary titles. Some of these policies have not been updated since 1996.

3170 – Business – Budget Implementation

Updated title from Director of Management and Personnel to Chief Operating Officer.

3300 – Business – Expenditures, Expending Authority, Purchasing Guides

Updated title from Assistant Superintendent for Management Services to Chief Operating Officer and updated terminology.

3326 – Business – Paying for Goods and Services

Updated title from Director of Management and Personnel to Chief Operating Officer.

3516 – Business – Accident Prevention and Reporting

Updated titles to reflect current positions.

3541.45 – Business – Student Transportation Insurance

Updated title from Director of Management Services to Chief Operating Officer.

**MOTION** by Ms. Hallen and seconded by Mr. White.

**MOVED** that the Policies 3170 – Business – Budget Implementation; 3300 Business – Expenditures, Expending Authority, Purchasing Guides; 3326.1 – Business – Paying for Goods and Services; and 3541.45 – Business – Student Transportation Insurance be brought to the full Board of Education for a first reading.

**VOTE:** The Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

3326.1 – Business – Paying for Goods and Services - Regulation

Changes to this regulation include updating the title from Director of Management and Personnel to Chief Operating Officer.

**IV. For Discussion.**Bylaw 9325.43 - Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications

Mr. White asked to continue a review of this Bylaw that would allow a Board member to attend a meeting electronically after the Governor's Executive Order has expired. He said he would like for members of the public to be able to participate remotely as well. Mr. Grippo said that he and Mr. Perugini discussed the continued use of remote meetings with local legislators. They asked the legislators to advocate for the Board to change the FOIA law. This Bylaw will continue to be tabled while they await feedback from the legislators.

5117 – Students – School Attendance Areas

Dr. Solan said he wanted to review this policy with the Board so they had a better understanding of our policy and procedures as they review redistricting through the School Modernization Committee. Common requests are for the siblings of students who may be receiving special services at a school outside of their district, or a family who has moved within Cheshire but out of their area district. Requests for area waivers must be made and are approved on a yearly basis.

5118 – Students – Nonresident Attendance

Dr. Solan reviewed residency requirements with the Committee. He explained there are certain times when non-resident students are allowed to attend Cheshire Public Schools tuition-free. Such examples might be a family in the process of moving to Cheshire, or a Grade 12 student whose family has moved out of town and who would like to finish his/her senior year. He said, tonight, he wanted to talk about students attending with tuition. Dr. Solan said historically we have not allowed out-of-district students to attend on a tuition basis mostly because of accounting issues. With the increase in elementary enrollment, he would not consider allowing tuition students in the elementary grades but with the recent closing of Sacred Heart in Waterbury, he is considering opening up a lottery of 10 seats to out-of-district high school students. The Superintendent said he brought this up to the Policy Committee to hear their thoughts on this idea before bringing it to the full Board. Committee members voiced concerns including the current pandemic, charging tuition for public schools, and the risk of additional costs to cover special services and other fees beyond what the tuition covers.

**V. Adjournment.**

On a Motion by Ms. Hallen and seconded by Mr. White, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Adam Grippo, Policy Committee Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Carol Jesensky, Board Clerk

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