CHESHIRE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD VIRTUALLY ON FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Committee Members Present: Adam Grippo, Chair; Samantha Rosenberg, Tim White;

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.**

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

1. **Public Comment.**

None.

1. **Review Policies for a First Reading**

#6140 Curriculum

Superintendent Solan shared this policy with the Committee. He explained that our policy has not been updated since 1997. CABE recommended changes to include statutory requirements to teach Native American Studies effective in the 2023-2024 school year. The revised policy also includes subject matter that is required that we have been teaching, but was not previously listed in our policy.

#6145 Basic Instruction

This policy is similar to #6140 and is being revised to include subject matter required by law. Additional language to include, *“ Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) studies and African-American and black studies; Puerto Rican and Latino studies beginning with the school year commencing July 1, 2021; Native American Studies beginning with the school year commencing July 1, 2023; computer science, including, but not limited to, computer programming instruction, and in addition, on at least the secondary level, one or more world languages; vocational education; and the black and Latino studies high school course in accordance with P.A. 19-12.”*

There were questions regarding the grade levels to receive this instruction and also the date this law takes effect. Dr. Solan will research the statute and report to the Committee.

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

**MOVED** that the Policy Committee forward Policies #6140 Curriculum and #6145 Basic Instruction to the full Board for a first reading.

**VOTE**: The Motion passed unanimously by those present

1. **Review Policy for Third Reading**

#0025 Strategic Goals-Performance Standards

The Board adopted new strategic goals reflecting the district’s focus on Social Emotional Learning and Complex Thinking, narrowing the goals from 16 to 2. Now that the Board has adopted the Strategic Goals, the Board policy must be updated to reflect the changes.

#4112.8/4212.8 Nepotism: Employment of Relatives

The State does not consider a foreman to be a supervisor. After discussions with our Attorney, we were informed that we are able to add the following language: “For purposes of this policy, a foreman shall be considered a supervisor.” In addition, there are some minor language revisions.

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

**MOVED** that the Policy Committee recommends forwarding Policies #0025 and #4112.8/#4212.8 to the full Board for a third reading and approval.

**VOTE**: The Motion passed unanimously by those present.

1. **Other:**

Ms. Rosenberg asked if the Committee could look at a policy on Equity at an upcoming meeting. Dr. Solan also mentioned reviewing a policy on Civility.

1. **Adjournment.**

The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Grippo, Policy Committee Chair

Attest:

Carol Jesensky, Board Clerk

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