CHESHIRE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD VIRTUALLY ON DECEMBER 13, 2022

Committee Members Present: Adam Grippo, Chair; Tim White

Committee Members Absent: Samantha Rosenberg

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 Policy for First Reading**

0025 Strategic Goals-Performance Standards

Dr. Solan reminded the Committee that 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 policy needs to be updated.

4112.8/4212.8 Nepotism: Employment of Relatives

This policy was discussed at the November meeting with our attorney and it is now being reviewed for a first reading. Per the discussion, revisions will be made to maintain the intent of the policy. The following language will be added: “For purposes of this policy, a foreman shall be considered a “supervisor.” The are other minor revisions updating the language.

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

**MOVED** that the Policy Committee recommends forwarding Policies #5141.213 and #4112.8/#4212.8 to the full Board for a first reading.

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

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

#5141.213 – Administering Medication - Opioid Overdose Prevention (Emergency Administration of Naloxone.)

There were no changes to this policy since the first reading. Dr. Solan reviewed that Naloxone (Narcan) is a powerful counteractive drug for opioid overdose, including fentanyl. Our district is directed, through the State Department of Health, that we should have a policy regarding Narcan. Dr. Solan explained that we have stocked this life-saving drug in the schools for a number of years, not only for students and staff but also members of the community who may be in the buildings.

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

**MOVED** that the Policy Committee recommends Policy #5141.213 to the full Board for a second reading.

**VOTE**: The Motion passed unanimously 2-0.

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

Policy #3543 School Activity Fund

There were no changes to this policy since the first reading. Revisions include a small change to the policy itself, updating the title from Director of Management and Personnel to Chief Operating Officer (COO).

Bylaw #9321.2 Electronic Board of Education Meetings

There were no changes to this policy since the first reading. The Bylaw outlines the requirements according to the Freedom of Information Act regarding holding Board of Education meetings remotely.

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

**MOVED** that the Policy Committee recommends bringing Policy #3543 School Activity Fund and Bylaw #9321.2 Electronic Board of Education Meetings the full Board for a third reading.

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

1. **For Discussion:**

Because a policy regarding Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth is not required, this discussion is being postponed until a future date.

1. **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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