

**CHESHIRE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE  
REMOTE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 6, 2023**

**REVISED 6/30/2023**

Committee Members Present: Adam Grippo, Chair; Samantha Rosenberg

Committee Members Absent: Tim White

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

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**1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:30 P.M.**

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

**2. Audience.**

None.

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

Staff Travel Policy. Dr. Solan apologized to the Committee, as he did not get a chance to construct a sample policy prior to this meeting.

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

6159.1 Instructional Arrangements-Teacher Aides

Dr. Solan reported that he spoke with the Policy Department at CAFE about this policy regarding the question the Committee had about the position titles. CAFE indicated that the section that was added, *“For more detailed information about the roles and responsibilities of Paraeducators and Teacher Aides (two distinctly different roles), please refer to their bargaining unit contracts.”* was sufficient to distinguish between the positions.

6162.51 Surveys of Students (Student Privacy)

The Committee continued their review of this revised policy. Language was added concerning parental consent to distinguish between federally funded surveys and other surveys. The Committee asked Dr. Solan to add a paragraph regarding the Safe School Climate Survey as follows: *“The Safe School Climate Survey must be administered in accordance with State of Connecticut Law. The Curriculum Committee will review, provide feedback, and approve the survey at least three months prior to administration. The full Board will review and vote on the survey. If it fails three votes with the full Board, a special meeting will be called within one week to resolve the issue. The District will also include the month/year that the Safe School Climate Survey is administered in the annual survey notification. Moreover, parents will be notified weekly for the three weeks preceding the administration of their right to review the survey and/or opt-out.*

**MOTION** by Mr. Grippo and seconded by Ms. Rosenberg

**MOVED** that the Policy Committee forward Policies 6159.1 Instructional Arrangements-Teacher Aides and 6162.51 Surveys of Students (Student Privacy) to the full Board for a second reading.

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

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

There were no changes to these policies since the First Reading

4222 Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals

This is a new policy driven by Title I. If a person is a Title I Paraprofessional, they will have to meet certain credentialing requirements, which our personnel already meet.

6172.3 Educational Instruction under Parental Direction (Home Schooling)

Revisions to this policy will state that homeschooled students cannot attend school classes on a part-time basis and are not allowed to participate in after-school activities.

**MOTION** by Mr. Grippo and seconded by Ms. Rosenberg

**MOVED** that the Policy Committee forward Policies #4222 Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals and #6172.3 Educational Instruction under Parental Direction (Home Schooling) to the full Board for a third reading.

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

**6. Other:**

Ms. Rosenberg thanked the Superintendent for forwarding the additional information on the proposed Equity Policy. She said she would like time to review the information. Dr. Solan suggested revisiting this policy, along with the Civility Policy, in the fall and the Committee agreed.

**7. Adjournment.**

The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Adam Grippo, Policy Committee Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Jesensky, Board Clerk

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