

CHESHIRE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2026
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Committee Members Present: Mark Ecke, Chair; Dr. Anne Harrigan

Committee Members Absent: Matthew Colehour

Administrators Present: Dr. Jeffrey F. Solan, Superintendent of Schools

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Ecke 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.**

The committee reviewed policies for a second reading.

Policy 3451, Petty Cash Funds. This policy had not been updated since 1996 and required revisions to reflect current administrative positions and district organization. References to the former Director of Management and Personnel position were updated to Chief Operating Officer, and adjustments were made to petty cash fund limits and school designations to reflect the district's current structure and the upcoming school reorganization. There were no changes since the first reading

Policy 5112 Ages of Attendance.

The Superintendent explained that because we are no longer offering waivers, there is no reason to make changes to our current policy. The revised policy will not be brought forward to the full Board.

Policy 5141.4 Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect. This is a mandated policy revision required by state law. The primary change expands training requirements to include contractors who have regular contact with students, in addition to district employees. The policy also clarifies the role of mandated reporters by emphasizing that school personnel should gather relevant information and make a report to the Department of Children and Families (DCF), rather than conduct their own investigations. There were no changes to this policy since the first reading

Policy 6130 Organization of Instruction. This policy has not been updated in approximately thirty years and required revisions to reflect the district's current and future organizational structure. Changes include recognizing that elementary schools now serve kindergarten through grade six, updating references to the Early Childhood Center and Birth-to-Three services at Darcey School, and revising language regarding the Humiston program to reflect its role as an alternative high school program rather than solely a special education placement.

MOTION by Dr. Harrigan, seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED *that the Policy Committee bring forward Policies 3451 (Petty Cash Funds), Policy 5141.4 (Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect), and Policy 6130 (Organization of Instruction). for a second reading.*

VOTE: The Motion passed unanimously 2-0.

4. **Adjournment.**

The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Ecke, Policy Committee Chair

Attest: _____
Carol Jesensky, Board Clerk

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