

LEDYARD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Policy Committee
Wednesday, October 11, 2017
Board of Education Offices- Conference Room
7:00 p.m.
A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Requests from Citizens
- III. Review of Minutes of August 9, 2017 Regular Meeting
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action on Policy [6142.101 School Wellness](#)
 - B. Review of CAGE Policy Audit
- V. New Business
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action on Policies:
 - a. [BoE 0100 Assuring Participation of MPTN](#)
 - b. [BoE 6161.1 Instructional Materials](#)
 - c. [Draft 3542.22 Food Svc](#)
 - d. [Draft 4118.11 Non-Discrimination](#)
 - e. [Draft 4212.42 Drugs & Alcohol Testing](#)
 - f. [Draft 5125.1 Health & Medical Records](#)
 - g. [Draft 5145.111 Students/Probation/Police](#)
 - h. [Draft 6141.323 Internet Acceptable Use](#)
 - i. [Draft 6171.2 Pre-School SpEd](#)
- VI. Adjournment

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**LEDYARD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL Meeting
Policy Committee
Wednesday, September 19, 2017
Board of Education Offices - Conference Room
7:00 PM**

I. Call to Order – at 5:02 PM by Mr. DiFilippo, Chair.

Present: Mr. DiFilippo, Mr. Guerrero, Ms. Vajdos, Mr. Favry and Mr. Hartling

II. Requests from Citizens:

1. Ms. Denise Dittrich, 59 Wendell Comrie, Ledyard – shared that she had spoken with a state attorney who stated that the reimbursement for transportation was deleted two years ago. Ms. Dittrich questioned what line the transportation item would have been under three years ago (when it was last received), and stated that she is still interested in getting a drop-off location closer to the Ledyard side of town.
2. Mr. Alan Burton, 166 Gallup Hill, Ledyard – stated that because of work obligations for both he and his wife, his child will have to walk over 6 miles to and from the drop-off/pick-up site at LMS in Gales Ferry. Mr. Burton stated that his student will “quit” if the transportation issue is not resolved. Mr. Burton stated that a drop-off at the Bill Library would not cost the district anything, and that he feels that this is a “safety thing.” His child would need both AM/PM drop-off/pick-up on the Ledyard side of town.

III. Review of Minutes of August 9, 2017 Regular Meeting

Motion: made by Mr. DiFilippo and seconded by Mr. Guerrero to accept the minutes of August 9, 2017 as submitted.

Motion passed 3-0.

IV. Old Business:

A. Discussion and Possible Action on Policy 3541 Transportation

There was much discussion regarding Policy 3541 Transportation. Ms. Vajdos suggested that something different should be offered for the high school students than the magnet school students, since attendance choices are made for different reasons, and different expectations are made on parent involvement with each. Ms. Vajdos also stated that you can't address everyone's desire, but safety must be looked at. Discussion continued regarding that adding another stop would cause a “trickle-down” effect, and if there are delays at the tech schools for any reason, it will then impact the afternoon (elementary school) run. Mr. Hartling shared that at this point his focus is on “how to get buses to the elementary schools on time.” Mr. Hartling also shared that the policy clearly states that it's the parent's responsibility to transport students to the pick-up hubs. There was discussion regarding the possibility of alternative options such as have tech school students ride with the elementary students, having a safe spot for students to wait for parent pick-up (supervision would be an issue), contacting Groton regarding bus sharing. It was also suggested that regionalization would be a beneficial move for Ledyard. Mr. Favry shared that the conversation would continue at the BoE Finance Committee tomorrow, 9/20 at 5:30 PM.

V. New Business

A. Review of CAFE Policy Audit (attached)

Mr. Hartling shared the report of the policy audit conducted by CAFE.

- 226 policies (84.6%) were deemed “appropriate as written.”
- 41 policies were recommended for modification
- 17 policies were recommended for deletion and/or replacement
- 55 policies require either updating or addition of legal references
- 34 policies require recodification
- 41 new policies were recommended for consideration for adoption into the manual
- 8 mandatory policies must be added to the manual

Mr. Hartling stated that Ms. Najarian has spent many hours going through the Policy Manual online, has verified each and has brought it up-to-date. Written copies will be called back to be eliminated as they are now out-of-date. He also shared that the CAFE report is a working document, and sought approval to prioritize the updates. Two policies that Mr. Hartling would address immediately are the policies of expulsion and FMLA along with the eight missing mandated policies. Mr. Hartling stated that the challenge will be to utilize CAFE's policies which tend to be wordier than necessary and the district attorneys may need to cut back on them. The next step will be for Mr. Hartling to look at the eight missing policies and bring them forward to the Policy Committee.

VI. Adjournment

Motion: made by Mr. DiFilippo and seconded by Ms. Vajdos to adjourn at 6:05 PM.

Motion passed 2-0 (Mr. Guerrero left at 5:45 PM).

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. DiFilippo, Chair