

Manchester Public Schools
Board of Education
Policy Committee
Minutes
Monday, September 28, 2015
Lincoln Center
5:30 PM

Members Present: Deb Hagenow, Carl Stafford
Others Present: Matt Geary, Superintendent of Schools

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

1. The Committee discussed the Community use of Facilities Policy (#1330) and was comfortable with not charging local and athletic and other groups utility, labor, and material costs or custodial fees provided the event does not require additional custodial staffing. A draft policy revision will be sent to Personnel and Finance for feedback prior to a final recommendation by the Policy Committee to the full Board.
2. The members discussed Parent Family Involvement Policy (#1400) and directed the Superintendent of Schools to draft a revised policy that contains language that includes formal parent decision-making bodies at each school as well as training that provides parents with practical strategies for working with other parents, educators, and community leaders to examine education policies and practices. A draft policy revision will be brought back to the committee at the next meeting on November 9, 2015.
3. The members discussed the External Credit Courses Policy (#5127-11) and directed the Superintendent to revise the policy to include opportunities for mastery-based learning, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-221a(f)(3), Guidelines for Mastery-Based Learning. Members also requested that the Superintendent review the Physical Education External Credit Policy (6143). Draft policy revisions will be brought back to the committee at the next meeting on November 9, 2015.
4. The members discussed the proposed revision to the Smoking Policy (#5131-6) and will send the revised policy to the full Board for a first reading on October 13, 2015. The revised policy is attached.
5. The members discussed the Purpose of Education in Manchester Public Schools Policy (#6000) and will send the proposed deletion of this policy to the full Board for a first reading on October 13, 2015.
6. The members discussed the Manchester Public Schools Mission Statement Policy (#6120) and directed the Superintendent to add the Board of Education Vision statement and priorities to the policy and to delete any information that is obsolete. The policy will be brought to the full Board for a first reading on October 26, 2015.

7. The members discussed the Field Trip Policy (#6153) and directed the Superintendent to draft language around funding for field trips. A draft policy will be brought back to the committee at the next meeting on November 9, 2015.
8. The members discussed the Evaluation of Programs (#6180) and directed the Superintendent to draft language, a process, and timeline for evaluation of district programs. A draft policy will be brought back to the committee at the next meeting on November 9, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, November 9 at 5:30 PM.

Submitted by Matt Geary, Superintendent of Schools

STUDENTS AND PERSONNEL 5131.6*Proposed***SMOKING POLICY****General Statement**

The Manchester Board of Education recognizes the many health hazards associated with smoking. It has long been established that smoking / **vaping** harm the health of those who smoke/**vape**. New studies and research have shown that the toxic fumes generated by second-hand smoke can cause heart damage to people who breathe them.

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education that no smoking, vaping, or other use of tobacco products be allowed on school property at any time or on any transportation provided by the Board of Education.

Further, it shall be the policy of the Board to provide all students in the district programs as directed by Sec. 10-19 of the CT General Statutes. It is expected that these programs will help students to become more aware of health hazards caused by smoking/**vaping** and better informed about the diseases related to smoking/**vaping**. In addition, it is also expected that these programs will aid students in developing constructive attitudes and help them make wise decisions about smoking.

Penalties for infractions of smoking regulations must be consistently administered by the school administration to both students and board employees. The administration is charged with enforcing this regulation. ~~as defined in student handbooks and employee contracts.~~

The administration will provide accurate up-to-date materials and resources for an effective and stimulating instructional program in this important health area. Programs for those students and staff members who may desire to terminate smoking are to be provided.

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September, 2015

INSTRUCTION 6000*Deletion Proposed***~~The Purpose of Education in Manchester Public Schools~~****Statement of Purpose**

~~The purpose of education is in full partnership with the family and community to help each individual discover, develop and enjoy their own potential as a unique, rational, creative human being, able and willing to sustain personal well-being and to contribute to the well-being of others. At the same time, it is expected that each individual understands that his/her freedom to develop personal values and realize individual aspirations depends upon his/her discipline to respect the values, rights and aspirations of others as individuals and in society as a whole.~~

Adopted: September 10, 1973

Revised: November 9, 1987