

Regional School District 13 Board of Education
Durham/Middlefield, Connecticut
Policy Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of May 5, 2014

The Policy Committee of Regional School District 13 met in special session on Monday, May 5, 2014, in the Board Room at the Regional School District 13 Central Office, 135A Pickett Lane, Durham, CT.

Committee Members present: Victor Friedrich, Norman Hicks, Jeremy Renninghoff
Committee Members absent: Merrill Adams, Raffaella Fronc

Boards Member present: Kerrie Flanagan
Administrator present: Superintendent of Schools Kathy Veronesi

Chairman Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Public Comment

As there were no members of the public present, there was no public comment.

2. Approval of Agenda

Jeremy Renninghoff made a motion to approve the agenda. Victor Friedrich seconded the motion.

In favor: Victor Friedrich, Norman Hicks, Jeremy Renninghoff

Opposed: None

Motion passes.

3. Food Allergy Policy 5140

The Committee discussed potential changes in the Food Allergy Policy as suggested by legislation as well as our counsel. The changes made are due to the emergency care plan with part IIa replacing parts E & F. It was the consensus of the committee that these changes be brought to the full Board of Education for approval.

4. Breathalyzer Policy

Kathy Veronesi began discussion regarding incidents at the high school. The Policy Committee has had this conversation in the past. Norm gave the historical perspective from the policy committee. Kath wanted to know if we should investigate the possibility of having such a policy. Norm mentioned that we should consult high school administration regarding the need for such a policy. Kerry mentioned that

administrators and event chaperones need to have a clear perspective of our current policies and who to do when there is an incident. Kath added that having certain protocols rather than a policy may be more effective. Victor asked if there is someone who may be intoxicated, are we responsible for ensuring that they arrive home safely? Finally, it was the consensus of the committee that we not move forward with a policy but educate our chaperones and administrators on what to do in specific situations.

5. Handicap Accessibility in the CRHS auditorium

Kath brought up the fact that Office of Civil Rights (OCR) random selection of Regional School District 13 has discovered that we need to have a policy ensuring that attendants are available to assist patrons with appropriate access to seating within the auditorium during school-sponsored activities. A policy has been developed and will be considered by the Policy Committee before being brought to the full Board of Education for their approval at a later date.

6. Adjournment

Victor Friedrich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Jeremy Renninghoff seconded the motion.

In favor: Victor Friedrich, Norman Hicks, Jeremy Renninghoff

Opposed: None

Motion Passes

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Hicks

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Chairman