

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education Policy Committee met on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School, 135 Pickett Lane, Durham, Connecticut. Committee members present: Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Roraback and Mrs. Petrella  
Committee members absent: Mr. Augur and Mr. Yamartino  
Other board members present: Mr. Moore  
Administration present: Dr. Veronesi

Mr. Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Stengel wished the committee a Happy New Year.

**Approval of agenda**

*On a motion made by Mrs. Geraci and seconded by Mrs. Petrella, the committee unanimously approved the agenda.*

**Approval of minutes**

*On a motion made by Mrs. Geraci and seconded by Mrs. Petrella, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of November 14, 2017.*

**Continued discussion of non-board members on Board subcommittees**

Mr. Hicks indicated that this action does not have to be a policy; we can do this on our own. There was a conference call with our attorney regarding this matter. She advised that the Board of Education not create a policy for non-board members on board subcommittees. Mr. Hicks surveyed other Board members with whom he serves on the ACES board and none of the representatives except one indicated that their district has this practice. We were not advised to move in this direction. Mr. Hicks reached out to several districts across the state. Mrs. Petrella asked what the reasons were that were cited for not having this. Those included interferences by non-elected non-voting members. Mrs. Geraci asked if there were other methods to engage the public in order to give the public a voice on Board of Education matters. Mrs. Petrella indicated that she is undecided on the matter of non-board members on board subcommittees, but feels very strongly about the creation of a finance committee. Mr. Roraback felt that the initial intention of this was to encourage involvement and we should pursue this in whatever manner we can. He is concerned about volunteerism in 10-20 years and what it will mean for the Board of Education. He is in favor of doing whatever we can to encourage involvement. Mrs. Geraci said she encourages people to attend meetings to see what is going on. She finds that people are interested particularly in curriculum. Mrs. Petrella agrees with Mr. Roraback including how best to have greater community input. We will need community input to have greater buy-in and support. It would be nice to start these committees at the beginning of the year.

**Review of policies**

- A. Wellness
- B. Title I Parent Involvement
- C. Student Data Privacy

*On a motion by made by Mrs. Geraci and seconded by Mrs. Petrella, the committee unanimously agreed to move forward the Wellness, Title I Parent Involvement and Student Data Privacy policies to the full Board of Education for approval.*

**Book adoption/removal policies**

Mr. Hicks noted that the district must have a protocol for textbook adoption. We may want to look at a protocol for removal of textbook or library books. Dr. Veronesi will see if there is a state statute on this matter.

**Board of Education protocol for creation of new committees**

This was reviewed and will the finance committee proposal will be discussed at the Board of Education meeting tomorrow.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

*On a motion made by Mrs. Geraci and seconded by Mr. Roraback, the committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.