



## POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 14, 2019  
Seymour Middle School  
7:45 p.m.

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DATE: 1/17/19  
TIME: 2:20 PM  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Jim Garofolo  
Jen Magri  
**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jay Hatfield  
**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mike Wilson, Superintendent  
Chris Champagne  
Susan DeRosa, Parent  
Christina Kowalczyk, Parent  
Pat Boyle, Board Clerk

### I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Mrs. Magri called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:58 p.m.

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. DeRosa wanted to comment on the tardy policy. She said if the back gates at Chatfield-LoPresti were open this could help with the traffic flow issues and help with students getting to school on time. She also wanted the doors left unlocked until 9:00 a.m instead of locking them at 8:55 a.m. If the cafeteria was open 5 minutes earlier the students could sit in the café and eat. Mrs. Kowalczyk wanted to know what the policy for parents visiting the classroom was during the year. She felt if she wanted to see her daughter during the day she should be allowed into the classroom.

### III. DISCUSSION

A. Policy Discussion and Possible Action

#### 1. Policy Revisions

##### a. 5141-Student Health Services

Mrs. Magri said this is a revision to the policy to include the state mandated flu shot for Pre-Kindergarten students. Mr. Garofolo stated that it mentions proof of immunizations, he wants the policy to include what forms of proof are acceptable. Mr. Wilson said the statement would be added before the Vision Screening section.

**MOTION:** (Mr. Garofolo /sec. Mrs. Magri) to bring to the full board Policy 5141 as amended.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr.Garofolo, Mrs. Magri

**Passed: 2-0**

##### b. 6163.5-Physical Education

Mr. Wilson said the current policy didn't clarify medically exempt students. The revisions address this issue. Mrs. Magri and Mr. Garofolo made a few minor corrections to the wording of the revisions.

**MOTION:** (Mr. Garofolo /sec. Mrs. Magri) to bring to the full board Policy 6163.5 as amended.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr.Garofolo, Mrs. Magri

**Passed: 2-0**

##### c. 1112-News Media Relations

Mrs. Magri wanted to clarify proper procedure when dealing with students and the media. Minor corrections were made to the revisions.

**MOTION:** (Mr. Garofolo /sec. Mrs. Magri) to bring to the full board Policy 1112 as amended.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr.Garofolo, Mrs. Magri

**Passed: 2-0**

d. 1312-Public Complaints

Mr. Wilson wanted to add a section into the revision to explain the appropriate order of addressing a complaint.

**MOTION:** (Mr. Garofolo /sec. Mrs. Magri) to bring to the full board Policy 1312 as amended by the board attorney and Superintendent.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr.Garofolo, Mrs. Magri

**Passed: 2-0**

e. 5113/5113.01-Attendance

Mr. Garofolo wants the full board's input on this policy especially in regards to elementary tardiness as he doesn't want the consequences to be punitive. He feels we are punishing a student for something that is out of their control. Mrs. Magri also feels that both elementary schools should be on the same page as to how they handle these situations.

**MOTION:** (Mr. Garofolo /sec. Mrs. Magri) to table Policy 5113/5113.01 and bring it to the full BOE for further discussion.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr.Garofolo, Mrs. Magri

**Passed: 2-0**

f. 5114.12-Handbooks

Mr. Wilson made an addition to this policy explaining failure to sign the handbook in regards to rules and regulations.

**MOTION:** (Mr. Garofolo /sec. Mrs. Magri) to bring to the full board Policy 5114.12 as amended.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr.Garofolo, Mrs. Magri

**Passed: 2-0**

g. 5145.6-Student Grievance Procedures

Mrs. Magri brought this to the committee's attention as currently this is not followed. She wants the committee informed should the process ever need to be implemented. The other option is to amended the policy to reflect the current practice. Mr. Wilson said he would have a conversation with the principals and bring it back to the committee.

h. 0100-Mission Statement

i. 0200-Goals and Objectives

**MOTION:** (Mr. Garofolo /sec. Mrs. Magri) to table 0100-Mission Statement and 0200-Goals and Objectives at this time.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr.Garofolo, Mrs. Magri

**Passed: 2-0**

2. Adoption of New Policies

a) 5145.53-Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth

No action required at this time.

B. Next Meeting Date and Time

The committee would like another meeting scheduled for February 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office to discuss policy 5113/5113.01 after the meeting of the full board.

IV. **INFORMATION**

A. REPORTS

1. Chairman's Report

None

2. Superintendent's report

None

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**"IT'S ALL ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING"**

Mrs. DeRosa wanted to thank Mr. Garofolo for listening to the voices of the parents. She stated that many parents are single parents or divorced and juggling activities. She wants to know how much essential class work is being missed when the students are tardy. She also feels that chronic tardiness should be dealt with the parents and getting DCF involved is crossing the border.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** (Mr. Garofolo /sec. Mrs. Magri) to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Garofolo, Mrs. Magri

Submitted by:  
Pat Boyle