

**CANTERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Date:** Thursday, May 31, 2018

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Place:** Superintendent's Office, Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School

**Attendance:** Bridgett LaBrecque, Committee Chairperson & BOE Member, Walt Petruniw, Minute Taker & BOE Member; Vivian Thumser, *Ex Officio* & BOE Member; Sarah Carey, CES Principal; and Dr. Lois DaSilva-Knapton, Superintendent.

**Meeting Agenda and Actions or Recommendations by Policy Committee**

- ❖ Meeting was brought to order by the Policy Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Bridgett LaBrecque, at 10:40 a.m.

1. **CABE Policies**

a. **Appendix 5114 Provision of an Alternative Educational Opportunity for Eligible Expelled Students** - Our District uses Policy P5131 which concerns our students in the school district. High schools should have their own program concerning this policy. After lengthy discussion, it was acknowledged that CABE indicated that the policy/appendix is required. It was determined that further review of P5131 should be done to insure its language matches the new legislation.

b. **Policy 6159 Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program** -- This CABE recommended and required policy should be further reviewed along with Policy 6171. After lengthy discussion It was recommended that the next Special Education Director should have an opportunity to review the policies since they both concern Special Education. Our current policy was last updated in 2008, and the revised required policy is a very lengthy policy that would require further review by committee members before it should be brought back to a future meeting for further recommendations and/or actions. This further review would provide committee members have some additional time to assess the lengthy policy which has been updated due to a Supreme Court Decision case in 2017. A handout was distributed to the committee members to help explain the reasoning and background behind the policy.

c. **Policy 6161.3 Comparability of Services for Title I Schools** -- This is a mandated new policy. The committee members selected certain paragraphs on page three as well as other sections removed due to redundancy. The edited version would be forwarded to the BOE as a recommended and required policy.

d. **Policy 6162.51 Survey of Students (Student Privacy)** -- CABE version was reviewed and discussed. It was further recommended that this policy draft be further reviewed by the Policy Committee members for further consideration, then brought back to a future Policy

Committee meeting for further recommendations and/or actions. A handout was distributed to provide some clarification and background behind this draft policy.

e. **Policy 6163.32 Live animals in the Classroom (service animals)** – Recommended that selected paragraphs from the CAFE sample policy be recommended to be adopted by the BOE as a new policy along with its regulations (R6163.32).

f. **Policy 6171 Special Education** - This CAFE recommended and required policy should be further reviewed along with Policy 6159. After lengthy discussion It was recommended that the next Special Education Director should have an opportunity to review the policies since they both concern Special Education. It was recommended that the Policy Committee members have addition time for further analysis of this draft policy, and that this draft policy be brought back at a future meeting date.

2. **Superintendent's Suggested Policies** – Meeting time ran long and conflicted with other schedules. Thus, the suggested policies (*listed below as 2. a,b,c and d*) were not reviewed. It was recommended that they may be brought back at a future meeting date\*.

- a. *\*Policy 3323 Soliciting Prices (Bids & Quotations)*
- b. *\*Policy 3520.13 Business and Non-Instructional Operations*
- c. *\*Policy 4118.11 Nondiscrimination*
- d. *\*Policy 4118.114 Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment the Workplace*

3. **Round table discussion** –

- The committee reviewed previous agendas.
- Hate Crime & Bias information was discussed and it was suggested that information be posted about this topic on the District's website.
- P5144.2 Restorative Justice – it was discussed and recommended to have additional administrative feedback on this topic before any committee actions.
- Next meeting TBA in early October 2018.

❖ Mrs. LeBrecque adjourned the meeting at 12:10 so that members may attend to their respective duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Petruniw