

PORTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Policy Subcommittee

November 13, 2024

The Portland Board of Education Policy Subcommittee meeting was held via Google Meet.

Minutes

Attending: Meg Scata, Laurel Steinhauser, Tim Lavoy, Charles Britton, Chuck Hershon, and Stephanie Fragola

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm

New Business

Policy 3160 Transfer of Funds Between Categories

The committee discussed the policy and noted approved in 2017. Needs updating. The committee will defer to S. Fragola and Dr. Britton to determine present practices with Finance Director, Tom Robinson, and also check with CT Organization of School Business Officials (CASBO) The question is about Operational and Non Instructional Materials: when can transfers be made, under what authority can transfers be made, with set limits, with or without prior notification to Board and Town and prior approval of transfers by the Board of Education. The committee would like to update and correct the listing of specific operational or non-instructional items listed on page 1 of the policy.

ACTION: ADD P3160 to December agenda under Old Business.

Regulation 4000.1A Sexual Harassment/Title IX

Regulations do not have to be approved but becomes part of the policy when finalized. Discussion occurred about parents' rights, the presence of parents/guardians during interview process and concerns for the protection of the civil rights of minor children.

ACTION: Regulation to be reviewed by our attorney for language on 4000.1A (i). Add to December agenda under Old Business

Policy 5141.5 Suicide Prevention

The Board of Education policy will be replaced with CAFE policy and Regulation.

ACTION: Add Policy 5141,5 and Regulation to the December Regular Board of Education Meeting for 1st read

Policy 515.12 Search and Seizure Policy

The committee should review our policy and the CAFE policy for the December meeting. Cell Phones, Smart Devices and other technology will not be added to the Search and Seizure Policy.

ACTION: Add the Cell phone policy added to the December Policy meeting.

Add Policy Highlights Policy 5131.81 Personal Technology Use in Schools to December agenda

Review and Discuss CAFE Policy Updates October 22, 2024

No discussion on these two policies.

ACTION: Add these mandated policies to the agenda under New Business

P 6148FAFSA Completion Program

P 6172Alternative Education Programs

RULER The Ruler Research Project is going to present at the December meeting.

We are trying to resolve the question of parents formally or informally opting their students

Out of the project

ACTION: Ask our attorney about the best practice or legality of parents opting out and by what method

Add to Old Business for our December policy agenda

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 2:28 PM

All pertinent policies will be sent in separate email and will be in two folders: Portland Boe or CABA

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Scata