

New Bedford School Committee

**Sub-Committee On Policy
Paul Rodrigues Administration Building
RM. 224**

**Monday, November 21, 2011
Meeting Minutes**

1, Call to Order : Meeting began at 6:35 PM

2. Roll Call of Committee Members: Chair, Dr. John Fletcher, Jill Ussach, Dr. Larry Finnerty

3. Old Business

3A.) EMPLOYEE BULLYING PREVENTION POLICY

John Lima and Mark Arena attended and were recognized, representing Mr. Lou St. John from the NBEA, regarding the need for an employee bullying prevention policy. Motion to table by Dr. Finnerty, seconded by Ms. Ussach. Vote approved by all.

3B.) PROPOSAL TO BAN/BLOCK CELL PHONE USE AT NBHS

Motion to table by Dr. Finnerty, seconded by Ms. Ussach. Vote approved by all.

3C.) DISTRICT POLICY GCD – PROFESSIONAL STAFF HIRING POLICY

Discussion occurred regarding the current policy. The policy needs to be amended and updated based on new/revised laws and regulations. Motion to table by Ms. Ussach, seconded by Dr. Finnerty. Vote approved by all.

3D.) CHILDREN OF MILITARY-CONNECTED FAMILIES

Dr. Francis brought information and guidance regarding *Military-Connected Students and Public School Attendance Policies*. Ms. Ussach made a motion to move forward with this information. Dr. Finnerty seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

4. New Business

4A.) REVIEW OF EXISTING DISTRICT POLICY IICA – FIELD TRIPS

Existing policy discussed, and discussion ensued regarding updating the policy. Dr. Finnerty suggested the sentence “The School Committee feels that field trips are a privilege and not an entitlement,” should change to reflect that a field trip is part of the students’ academic experience and it is tied to the curriculum.

Dr. Finnerty made a motion to table, Ms. Ussach seconded the motion, and all voted to approve.

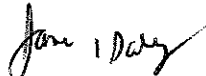
4B.) REVIEW OF EXISTING DISTRICT POLICY EEAH - STUDENT TRAVEL

The sub-committee discussed trips that include overnight travel and foreign travel. It was discussed that the School Committee should not be involved in the field trip approval process. Ms. Ussach made a motion for Dr. Francis to update the policy and review it with legal counsel to bring back to the sub-committee. This was tabled by Dr. Finnerty, and all voted to approve.

Dr. Finnerty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ussach seconded that motion, and all voted in favor to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jane L. Daly

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