

**CITY OF NORWALK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 7, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: Heidi Keyes, Chair; Mike Barbis (5:45 pm), Erik Anderson (6:15 pm),  
Shirley Mosby (5:50 pm)  
STAFF: Frank Costanzo, Brenda Williams, Patricia Foley.  
OTHER: Theresa Argondezzi, Health Educator, Norwalk Health Department;  
Lisa Lenskold, Norwalk Grows/District Wellness Committee

Call to Order

Ms. Keyes called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and stated that the meeting would begin as an information session until other Committee members arrived.

Non Resident Attendance Policy 5118

Mr. Costanzo referred to the attached amended draft and viewed the recommended amendments.

There was discussion on the state guidelines and CAGE policies, and best practices maintained in surrounding cities and towns. Ms. Foley referred to the inclusion of the legal custody conditions and explained that “Legal custody is not required for a student to be eligible... regardless of custody and nights with the other parent will not change residency...” She then referred to the McKinney Vento act and DCF guidelines and highlighted the relevant parts of the policy.

*Mr. Barbis entered the meeting at 5:45 p.m.*

Ms. Keyes reiterated that there was discussion on the state guidelines and CAGE policies, and best practices maintained including the legal custody conditions. She then referred to the McKinney Vento act and DCF guidelines and highlighted the relevant parts of the policy

There was further discussion on how re-registrations for current families of grade 6 and grade 9 students and the resources needed both at the schools and central office. Mr. Barbis explained that he felt strongly that this policy needs to be put in place as for so long Central Office has taken a blind eye to reports of suspected non-residency.

*Ms. Mosby entered the meeting at 5:50 p.m.*

Ms. Mosby expressed her concerns that the public has not had a chance to weigh in on this important policy. Mr. Costanzo replied that it is based on state guidelines and CAGE policies.

Ms. Keyes explained that she recommends forwarding this on the full Board to be on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion and review.

- \*\* MS. KEYES MOVED TO APPROVE REVISED POLICY 5118 AND FORWARD ON TO THE FULL BOARD TO ADOPT AS AMENDED MR. BARBIS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWO VOTES IN FAVOR (BARBIS, KEYES) ONE OPPOSED (MOSBY) AND NO ABSTENTIONS.**

*Mr. Anderson entered the meeting at 6:15 p.m.*

Discussion: Policy 6142 Student Nutrition and Physical Activity (School Wellness Policy)

Ms. Theresa Argondezzi, Health Educator with the Norwalk Health Department and Lisa Lenskold from Norwalk Grows and the Wellness Committee came forward to present the policy draft. They explained the process was a series of meetings to review the existing policies along with excerpts from state guidelines and CAGE as a framework.

There was discussion on the length and number of pages and overlap with other policies. Ms. Mosby suggested that the notations of cross referencing other policies can reduce the complexity of the policy. She requested that a list of duplicate policies and those that overlap be sent to the Committee to review, along with a prioritization of corresponding policies.

Mr. Argondezzi also presented a newsletter memo from the Norwalk Board of Health on the NPS Draft SOP in an effort to work cooperatively on health awareness initiatives.

Ms. Keyes noted that there was quite a lot of information for the Committee to digest and asked the members to review the documents independently and bring feedback to the September meeting. She added that the preferred timing would be to move this on to the full Board for the first meeting in October.

Adjournment

- \*\* MR. BARBIS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- \*\* MR. ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. Knox,  
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