

**CITY OF NORWALK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 6, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: Heidi Keyes, Chair; Erik Anderson (6:15 pm), Shirley Mosby (6:05 pm)

STAFF: Dr. Frank Costanzo, Brenda Williams.

OTHER: Theresa Argondezzi, Health Educator, Norwalk Health Department;  
Lisa Lenskold, Norwalk Grows/District Wellness Committee;  
Mary Yordon, NFT, NPS Central Kitchen: Jim Iezzi, Jill Kress

Call to Order

Ms. Keyes called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and stated that the meeting would begin as an information session until other Committee members arrived.

Discuss Homeschooling Policy

Dr. Costanzo distributed the attached draft policy and reviewed excerpts of the CT Statutes along with a memorandum from the state Dept. of Education on homeschooling procedures.

There was discussion on the need to have students assessed when returning from homeschooling for proper placement in classes.

Dr. Costanzo reviewed the policy and noted that Attorney Mooney has reviewed the policy and is in agreement with the outline.

It was agreed to defer action on this item to the end of the meeting, after a quorum was present.

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 CAFE as a framework.

*Ms. Mosby entered the meeting at 6:04 p.m.*

Ms. Lenskold described the members of the Committee that include school staff and community members that meets quarterly. She suggested that there be a Board of Education member appointed.

Ms. Argondezzi went through the highlights of the policy and 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.

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

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 next meeting. There was a discussion on the legal references and it was noted that this research would be done and brought to the next meeting.

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.

She added that the preferred timing would be to move this on to the full Board for the first meeting in January.

Ms. Keyes then asked to return to the first item on the agenda for a vote on the Homeschooling Policy.

There was discussion on the legal references and the rationale for assessment. There was further discussion and concerns were expressed on the need of assessments compared to other school transfers, and if it was in the best interest of the student to have such testing for re-entry into public schools.

It was agreed to have further review and to bring to the next meeting for changes and approval.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. Knox,  
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