

**CITY OF NORWALK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 4, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: Heidi Keyes, Chair; Erik Anderson, Mike Barbis, Shirley Mosby (6:30 pm)  
STAFF: Dr. Frank Costanzo, Brenda Williams.  
OTHER: Suzanne Brown Koroshetz, Principal, Brien McMahon High School;  
Mary Yordon, NFT

Call to Order

Ms. Keyes called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and stated that members were in attendance as listed and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- \*\* **MR. BARBIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2017 AS SUBMITTED.**
- \*\* **MR. ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Board Notification of School Events

Ms. Keyes reported that as discussed last month, with all of the many school events in the district often times the Board is not informed until after the event and many times are not aware of special programs until read in the newspaper. There was discussion on the logistics of creating a district-wide calendar of events and the difficulty of gathering information from parent groups.

Dr. Costanzo reported that he had a conversation with a representative from CABE and the response was after a research of the files, there is no policy that would provide a guideline. He added that there is an existing policy in the district for community that includes visitor protocol and this could be amended to cover school event notification to the Board. He further explained that there is a difficulty with a master calendar that creates a bureaucratic layer of notifications that would result in an added job with coordination. He suggested that a Superintendent's directive or procedure would suffice to include school input of information that would generate an email notification system to Board members.

There was further discussion and agreement to have a further review and recommendation from Dr. Costanzo with a draft directive for the next meeting.

Discussion of policy and procedures design for school signs

Principal Suzanne Koroshetz gave an overview of the Brien McMahon Parent Club efforts to put up a sign in the school front entrance that has been in development for the past year. There was discussion on the involvement with the City, Zoning limitations, issues with a land easement on city/school property, and legal review that had been done by Norwalk High School.

There was further discussion and agreement to explore a policy on signage on school property.

Review of CAGE Transgender Report

Ms. Keyes referred to the handout on Transgender Students that includes background information along with rules for athletics participation from the CIAC Handbook. She explained that at past meetings, Mr. Anderson had asked for the timeline for policies on non-discrimination or non-conforming students, including students in the LGBT population. It was noted that the focus is on a policy to address the quality of education and equality services for all students.

Ms. Keyes noted that members of the Committee should review the policy draft outline should be reviewed independently with questions and feedback brought to the next meeting for further review.

It was noted to have this on these items to remain on the agenda for the May meeting.

Adjournment

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

M. Knox,  
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