Board of Education Policy Committee Members Present:
Sheila Daniels, Chair and Ava Hart
Also Present:
Dr. Patricia Charles, Superintendent, and Kathleen F. Bengtson, Administrative Assistant

The following policies and bylaws were discussed.

#6173 – Homebound Instruction -- New Policy – Ann Perzan, Director of Pupil Services, had requested this policy be brought forward again, but because of a scheduling problem, she has requested it be reviewed at the December Policy Committee meeting.

#4138 – Non-School Employment – Sheila Daniels requested the Policy Committee again review this policy which was deleted at the last board meeting. She felt we should have kept it in our policies in light of the present situations concerning other jobs held by employees.

The Committee discussed the matter and recommended this deleted policy be brought forward to the Board at its next meeting for its first reading.

#5114 – Suspension – A new Act makes various changes in the current law regarding erasure of student expulsion records. By law, a student’s cumulative educational records must include notice of any expulsion and the behavior that caused it.

This Act, which revises C.G.S. 10-233d(f), allows local or regional boards of education to erase any expulsion from a student’s cumulative educational record, including an expulsion for firearm or deadly weapon possession, if the student’s conduct and behavior in later years merits erasure. The Act does not (1) specify how many years of good conduct merit erasure or (2) define conduct and behavior that merits erasure, leaving those to the board’s discretion.

The Policy Committee reviewed the changes recommended by CABE and have inserted them on pages 5114(t) & 5114(u) of the current policy.

As this is a legal change to the policy, the Policy Committee recommended this revised policy #5114 be presented to the Board of Education at its next meeting as a first and final reading. All members agreed.
Kathy stated we have three different policies, one for community, one for personnel and one for students, all concerning, alcohol, drugs and tobacco. As there have been recent changes, the Committee decided to review certain policies and regulations pertaining to these subjects.

#1251 – Loitering or Causing Disturbance – The Committee decided to be more specific with the wording on this policy – not allowing alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products – pets, outside of VoAg functions, on school grounds. The Committee discussed the matter and recommended this revised policy be brought forward to the Board at its next meeting for its first reading.

#1330 – Use of School Facilities – Regulation – The following wording will take the place of the present #2 under Regulations and Conditions: 2. There is to be no use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco or tobacco products in the building or on school property. This regulation will be changed after it is reviewed by Marco Gaylord, Director of District Operations.

#1331 – Smoke Free Environment – Change to Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Free Environment. Our current policy is dated April 13, 2004 and requires updating. The Committee reviewed the CABE policy and decided to use its policy and include definitions for drugs, controlled substances, tobacco, etc. The Committee discussed the matter and recommended this revised policy be brought forward to the Board at its next meeting for its first reading.

#5131.6 – Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco Use by Students – The Committee did not have time to review this policy and will address it at the next meeting.

To be addressed at the next Policy Committee meeting will be:

#4131 – Staff Development
#5131.6 – Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco Use by Students
#6164.1 – Drugs, Tobacco, Alcohol
#4118.234 – Personnel - Psychotropic Drug Use
#5141.23 – Students - Psychotropic Drug Use
#5141.21 – Administration of Student Medications in Schools
#6173 – Homebound Instruction

The next Policy Committee meetings will be scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 8:00 A.M. in the Board Room of the Dr. Alfred B. Tychsen Administration Building.

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