



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

New Britain Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting

December 21, 2020 – 6:00 PM | Virtual Meeting

Call to Order and Opening

Mr. Nicholas Mercier, Policy Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Board Members Present

Mr. Joseph Listro*, Mr. Nicholas Mercier*, Ms. Diana Reyes*, Dr. Violet Jiménez Sims*

**Committee members*

CSDNB Staff Present

Ms. Maryellen Manning, Ms. Kristin Salerni, Ms. Nancy Sarra, Mr. Mark Spalding

New Business

Review and Approve Minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting on November 16, 2020

There were no recommended changes to the minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting on November 16, 2020

Dr. Jiménez Sims motioned to approve the minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting on November 16, 2020 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Listro. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Development of Potential Policy Regarding Scope and Function of BOE Committees

Mr. Mercier originally referred discussion of this item to the Policy Committee at the Board of Education Meeting on December 7, 2020. He believes a formalized policy will ensure better use of committee time while providing a helpful framework for present and future Board and Cabinet members with regard to committee roles and submission of items that require approval of the Board. Dr. Jiménez Sims, Curriculum Committee Chair, emphasized the importance of reviewing any new curricular items at the Curriculum Committee level prior to review of the financial components by the Finance Committee. Mr. Mercier shared that Ms. Sanders-Connolly, Finance Committee Chair, expressed concern with redundancy regarding items being reviewed by both the Curriculum and Finance Committees. Mr. Listro agreed that a written policy outlining the process of how items end up on the agenda would be helpful for new board members. Mr. Mercier indicated that he will reach out to the other committee chairs to get their feedback in order to draft a policy for the Policy Committee to review at their meeting in January or February.

Closing and Adjournment

Ms. Reyes motioned to adjourn at 6:21 PM, seconded by Dr. Jiménez Sims. Motion carried unanimously.

New Britain Board of Education

Merrill Gay – President | Nicholas Mercier – Vice President | Violet Jiménez Sims – Secretary
Monica Dawkins | Anthony Kane | Joseph Listro | Annie S. Parker | Diana Reyes | Gayle Sanders-Connolly