



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

New Britain Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting

March 20, 2023 – 6:00 PM | New Britain Educational Administration Center

Call to Order and Opening

Vice President Merrill Gay, called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Board Members Present

Ms. Gayle Sanders-Connolly, Mr. Merrill Gay, Mr. Anthony Kane, Ms. Diana Reyes, and #Ms. Tina Santana.

#Online

CSDNB Staff Present

Ms. Amy Anderson, Ms. Lara Bohlke, Ms. Kristina DeNegre, Ms. Aja Edwards, Dr. Anthony Gasper, Ms. Wanda Lickwar, Ms. Maryellen Manning, Mr. Tyrone Richardson, Mr. Paul Salina, Dr. Nicole Sanders, Mr. Mark Spalding, and Ms. Ivelise Velazquez.

New Business

Review and Approve Minutes from Policy Committee Meeting on February 21, 2023

Submitted by Ms. Aja Edwards

Ms. Reyes motioned to approve minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting on February 21, 2023, seconded by Mr. Kane. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Planned Policy Proposals and Revisions

Submitted by Dr. Anthony Gasper

- Policy 5131, Student Discipline Code: Minor change in the administrative regulations, it currently states the Board is the hearing panel for expulsions, but instead the Board should maintain neutrality by having a hearing officer.
- Policy 6153, Field Trips: Revisions were inconsistent, the policy states that overseas trip only require 90-day notices, Dr. Gasper states that organizers should have preliminary consent from the Superintendent prior to the start of fundraisers for such field trips.
- Policy 3280.10, Raffles, Bazaars, Etc.: Dr. Gasper's request is to be in alignment with the law. Dr. Gasper sent out a memorandum to the Principals of the district for clarification purposes. The Board has already been made aware of the need for policy revisions.
- Topic - Flags in school: Shipman and Goodwin LLP responded with an assessment, the Board will table and discuss at a later meeting after reviewing the response.
- Topic - Student cell phones: Dr. Gasper asked that the Board creates a generic statement regarding the usage of phones. He asked if the Board would be open to creating a detailed level policy that administrators can reference at each grade level.

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- Topic - Student searches: The policy states reasonable suspicion allows for searches of students, but does not provide clarity on any type of canvas search. Dr. Gasper would like to create a policy for future reference the case that a safety emergency arises.
- Topic - Failure to pay tuition: Dr. Gasper asked for a policy to be created regarding unpaid tuition. He would like to put certain policies in place so parents as well as administrators know what to expect and how to implement proper protocol.

Dr. Gasper stated these policies were brought to the Board for informational purposes only, to be discussed and created at a later date. The Board received the statement from Shipman and Goodwin LLP regarding the Flag policy to review. The Board will create and/or review the policies and implement them for the upcoming year.

Closing and Adjournment

Mr. Kane motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Reyes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.

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