



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

## New Britain Board of Education Special Policy Committee Meeting

June 27, 2022 – 6:00 PM | New Britain Educational Administration Center

### Call to Order and Opening

Mr. Merrill Gay, Policy Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

### Board Members Present

Mr. Anthony Cane, Mr. Merrill Gay\*, Mr. Anthony Kane\*, Mr. Joseph Listro\*, Mr. Matthew Marino, Ms. Annie Parker, Ms. Diana Reyes\*, Ms. Gayle Sanders-Connolly, Ms. Tina Santana\*

*\*Committee member*

### CSDNB Staff Present

Mr. Michael Foran, Dr. Anthony Gasper, Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez, Ms. Maryellen Manning, Mr. Jeff Prokop, Ms. Kristin Salerni, Ms. Sondra Sanford#

*#Attended remotely*

### New Business

#### Review and Approve Minutes from Policy Committee Meeting on May 23, 2022

There were no recommended changes to the minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting on May 23, 2022.

#### Discuss and Review Board Policy 5132.10 – School Attire

The Policy Committee reviewed Policy 5132.10 – School Attire on May 23, 2022 due to questions from parents/guardians regarding the uniform policy for the 2022-2023 School Year and concerns about the current guidelines in place for the attire of high school students. Members of the Policy Committee recommended sending the Administrative Procedure to Superintendent’s Cabinet for review and sending out a simple survey to K-8 parents/guardians and middle school students asking “Would you like students to wear uniforms for the 2022-2023 School Year? Uniforms would consist of white or blue tops and blue or khaki bottoms.” It was agreed that survey results would be reviewed at the Regular Board of Education Meeting scheduled for June 6, 2022.

On June 6<sup>th</sup> the full Board unanimously agreed to keep the survey open until the Special Board Meeting on July 11, 2022 at which time the results would be reviewed again.

The Regular Policy Committee Meeting scheduled for June 21, 2022 was cancelled in order to collect more data from the survey.

A Special Policy Committee Meeting was scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> in order to prepare committee recommendations for the Special Board Meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

### New Britain Board of Education

**Gayle Sanders-Connolly – President | Merrill Gay – Vice President | Joseph Listro – Secretary**

Anthony Cane | Monica Dawkins | Anthony Kane | Matthew Marino | Annie S. Parker | Diana Reyes | Tina Santana

In light of updated survey results, committee members made the following recommendations with regard to Policy 5132.10 – School Attire:

- Reinstate school uniforms for 2022-2023 school year with expanded color options
- Reinstate Board Policy 5132.10 – School Attire originally approved on December 1, 2014 with the following revisions:
  - Section II – Statement of Purpose: Delete “that is accepted in every neighborhood school zone within New Britain school district” from third sentence
  - Section II – Statement of Purpose: Add solid navy blue, red, or yellow tops and black bottoms to third sentence
  - Section II – Statement of Purpose: Delete last sentence
  - Section III – School Uniforms for Students Grades K-8: Delete third sentence
- Reinstate Administrative Procedure originally approved on December 1, 2014
- Superintendent’s Cabinet will review Administrative Procedure and update as needed
- Add revised Board Policy 5132.10 – School Attire to the Board’s New Business Agenda for the Special Board Meeting on July 11, 2022

## **Closing and Adjournment**

Ms. Reyes motioned to adjourn at 6:38 PM, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion carried unanimously.