



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

New Britain Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting

November 21, 2022 – 6:00 PM | New Britain Educational Administration Center

Call to Order and Opening

Vice President and Policy Committee Chair, Merrill Gay, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Board Members Present

Mr. Merrill Gay*, Mr. Anthony Kane*, Mr. Joseph Listro*, Ms. Diana Reyes*, Ms. Gayle Sanders-Connolly*, Ms. Tina Santana*

**Committee member*

CSDNB Staff Present

Ms. Melissa Abate, Ms. Ann Alfano, Ms. Amy Anderson, Ms. Lara Bohlke, Ms. Kristina DeNegre, Ms. Aja Edwards, Dr. Anthony Gasper, Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez, Ms. Lisa Kawecki, Ms. Wanda Lickwar, Ms. Maryellen Manning, Ms. Silvia Mayo-Molina, Ms. Kristin Salerni, Dr. Nicole Sanders, Mr. Mark Spalding, Ms. Ivelise Velasquez, Ms. Jennifer Wright

New Business

Review and Approve Minutes from Policy Committee Meeting on September, 12, 2022

There were no recommended changes to the minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting on September 12, 2022.

Mr. Gay motioned to approve the minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting on September 12, 2022 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Joseph Listro. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Review Board Policy 3453.01 – Student Activity Funds

Mr. Kane brought up the concern of parents and staff relating to unaccounted funds raised by different fundraisers in school, and lack of reports and transparency. Mr. Kane brought up the idea of reviewing and updating the policy which hasn't been updated since 1995. Dr. Gasper broke it down into 3 funding categories; student activities accounts, PTO/PTA, and the staff support fund. Student activity accounts are funds for students by students, which shouldn't exceed a large balance and are handled by the students. The second is (Parent) PTO or PTA, which is a separate entity from the Board/School and should be handled solely by PTO/PTA. Lastly, there is the staff support fund which is handled solely by the staff at the school. Chief Financial Officer Ms. Alfano clarified that they will be adding procedures and better guidelines to the policy, she also added that the student activity accounts are managed online and are audited yearly. The Board will review the policy and update it with specific language and discuss it at the next meeting.

Discussion of Matters Pertaining to School Security

Ms. Santana motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:11 pm to review and discuss matters pertaining to School Security,

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seconded by Ms. Reyes. Superintendent Gasper and Director of Pupil Services Mark Spalding were invited into executive session to discuss matters pertaining to School Security.

Meeting resumed in open session at 6:47 pm

Discussion on Student Expulsions - Discuss and Review Policy 5131.00 – Student Discipline Code

Discussed Policy 5131.00 – Student Discipline Code in executive session and concluded that there weren't many changes other than Admin Regulations. The Board decided that the Superintendent would provide them with updates twice a year.

Closing and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.