

Policy Subcommittee Meeting.

February 20, 2025.

Attending: Charles Britton, Chuck Hershon, Laurel Steinhauser, Stacey Benham, Meg Scata, Stephanie Fragola.

Agenda

One change noted add item to discuss the calendar for future meetings and change of time.

New Business

Social Emotional Learning

- CAFE Model policy 6142.101

Discussion included review of social emotional curriculum standards from pre-k to twelve.

Curriculum throughout the district is age appropriate. Portland High School is seeking a more robust curriculum and will be participating in a research study for “Ruler for High School Students.”

The policy committee will not be recommending formal policy for Social Emotional Learning at this time.

- Title IX Policy Revised Policy and Regulations 4000.1, 4200.1 and 5114.55

Cafe Policy Highlights dated January 16, 2025, details the court order to set aside the TITLE IX Final Rule 2024 and to return to the previous policy dated 2020.

Discussion took place about the forms, changes, the process for investigation of any violations detailed under TITLE IX and the retraining of our Pupil Services Administrator.

These policies TITLE IX 2020 (4100.1, 4200.1, 5114.44) will be brought to the full board to review, waive a first reading and approve to be compliant. Legal references will include the following court ruling from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky overturned the 2024 Title IX regulations on January 9, 2025.

This will be added to the agenda for March 4, 2025

Old Business

- Policy 3160 funds between categories. Policy, 3160

Discussion continued about our accounting practices line-item transfers, approval by the Board of Education and the timing of the transfers.

Stephanie Fragola is continuing to review this policy with the town Finance Director and will bring a policy forward that reflects what we do to be compliant with state regulations and the Town of Portland Charter.

This will be added to Old Business for the next policy meeting.

- Policy 6172 Alternative Education Program

This policy will be on the next policy committee agenda under Old Business

Review and Discuss CAFE Policy Highlights

- February 14th, 2025. School Climate. Policy Resources.

• January 16th, 2025. OCR confirms that 2024 Title 9 regulations are vacated. We are finished with this.

- January 10th, 2025, Title IX. Judicial decision a-Restorative Practices Policy 5114m CAGE policy for suspension and expulsion/due process, (Policy 5114) and related school climate policy, 5131.911.

2th, 2024. Student personal electronic device. Policies. Policy. 5131.81. Reviewing the guidelines, the policy committee determined that Administrative Directives are effective and will be reviewed in the Spring of 2025.

Governors and CT Legislature are discussing mandating a ban on cell phones in schools.

WE need a calendar that works for all. Meg suggested a survey monkey so that we can set meetings for the next few months. Consideration should be given to time of day of the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Scata

Chair