

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: Heidi Keyes, Chair; Erik Anderson, Mike Barbis

STAFF: Dr. Frank Costanzo, Brenda Williams.

OTHER: Mary Yordon, NFT

Call to Order

Ms. Keyes called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and stated that members were in attendance as listed and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ** MR. BARBIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2017 AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** MR. ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Update Committee on the CAFE Policy Audit Services

Ms. Keyes reported that with all of the recent policy amendments and updates, there is a recommendation to have CAFE provide an audit of the Norwalk Public Schools policies. There was discussion on the pros and cons and benefit of this \$3,000 expenditure.

Dr. Costanzo outlined that CAFE has the capability of storing the NPS policies or housing them with a link from the district website. There was further discussion on the current 'searchable' capability that exists with the website reference feature that houses current BOE policies. It was noted that it is improved but not comparable to other search features of internet based libraries.

There was further discussion and agreement to have a review and recommendation from Dr. Costanzo to provide a draft policy for the next meeting.

Board Notification of School Events

Ms. Keyes reported that with all of the many school events in the district often times the Board is not informed until after the event and many times are not aware of special programs until read in the newspaper. There was discussion on the logistics of creating a district-wide calendar of events and the difficulty of gathering information from parent groups.

There was further discussion and agreement to have a review and recommendation from Dr. Costanzo with a draft policy for the next meeting.

Other Business

Mr. Anderson asked for an update on next steps and timeline for policies on non-discrimination or non-conforming students, including students in the LGBT population. He asked that the goal be to focus on a policy to address the quality of education and equality services for all students.

It was noted to have this on the agenda for the March meeting.

Adjournment

**** MR. ANDERSON MOVED TO ADJOURN.
MR. BARBIS SECONDED THE MOTION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Knox,
Telesco Secretarial Services