

PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting Title: Policy Subcommittee of the Board of Education

Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Time: 4:30 PM

Place: Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Crystal St. Lawrence, Chair; Foster White; Deborah Hardy; Becky Tyrrell; and Ruthe Boiczuk

Also Present: David Levenduski, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Members Absent: Tom Arcari

Early Departures: None

Chair Crystal St. Lawrence called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM.

The following policies were up for discussion:

Instruction: Policy No. 6171 Special Education –REVISED

Personnel: Policy No. 4440 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers—NEW

Instruction: Policy No. 6172.5 Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Title I Students-REVISED

Mr. Levenduski discussed the following changes to each policy.

Policy No. 6171 Special Education –REVISED

Mr. Levenduski stated that this policy contains a change in interpretation of law to allow special education transition students to be educated, in district, until their 22nd birthday or upon graduation from high school, whichever comes first. This policy is a revision.

Policy No. 4440 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers—NEW

This policy reflects an amendment of rules by the U.S. Department of Transportation, through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Agency, to establish requirements for the Commercial Drivers' License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse. The amended rules require employees to amend their drug and alcohol testing policy to include the use of the Clearinghouse. Since the district contracts with a transportation carrier, the carrier would be required to follow this legislation. This is a new policy.

Policy No. 6172.5 Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Title I Students-REVISED

The District's current policy is based on the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act. In 2015, the NCLB Act was replaced with the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), and expanded the requirements for districts receiving Title I funds. More specificity is provided in areas regarding school-family compacts and processes for engaging families of Title I students within the educational process. This policy is a revision.


Discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of the subcommittee to bring all of the aforementioned policies to the Board of Education for their approval at their next business meeting on May 10, 2021.

Mr. Levenduski will review additional policies and will reconvene the subcommittee in late June or late August for another meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DEBORAH HARDY. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Joan Calistro
Recorder of Minutes