

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

**Special Meeting Topics: Review of Policies for Board of Education Approval**

**Place and Time:** Plainville High School Learning Commons, 47 Robert Holcomb Way, Plainville, CT @ 5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Chair Crystal St. Lawrence, Jered Bruzas, Tom Arcari and Ruth Boiczynk

**Members Absent:** Rachel Buchanan and Rebecca Martinez

**Also Present:** David Levenduski, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Brian Reas, Superintendent of Schools  
Foster White, Board Member

**Early Departures:** None

Chair Crystal St. Lawrence called the special meeting of the Plainville Board of Education's Policy Subcommittee to order at 5:10 PM.

The following policies were up for review and discussion:

Policy No. 4030	Personnel: Disability Accommodations-- Section 504/ADA— <b>REVISED POLICY</b>
Policy No. 1100	Community Relations: Non-Discrimination (Community)— <b>REVISED POLICY</b>
Policy No. 5145.8	Students: Non-Discrimination (Students)— <b>REVISED POLICY</b>
Policy No. 4010	Personnel: Non-Discrimination (Community)— <b>REVISED POLICY</b>
Policy No. 5112	Students: New Kindergarten Age Requirements— <b>REVISED POLICY</b>
Policy No. 6146	Students: Graduation Requirements— <b>REVISED POLICY (NEEDS ADDITIONAL MODIFICATION)</b>

Mr. Levenduski began the discussion of the following policies:

Mr. Levenduski stated that all policies now come from Shipman and Goodwin, LLC. They are very good at updating policies when legislation changes.

**REVISED Policy No. 4030 Personnel: Disability Accommodations—(Section 504/ADA)**

This policy has been updated in language and content information for complaints. This policy replaces Disability Accommodations, and is now called, Section 504/ADA.

**REVISED Policy No. 1100 Community Relations: Non-Discrimination (Community)**

CT's anti-discrimination laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of many different categories, including but not limited on the basis of many different categories, including but not limited to sexual orientation. In 2023, Public Act No. 23-145 established a statutory definition of the term "sexual orientation". This policy was revised to include the new protected class definition. All district non-discrimination policies are being modified.

**REVISED Policy No. 5145.8 Students: Non-Discrimination (Students)**

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**REVISED Policy No. 4010 Students—Non-Discrimination (Personnel):**

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**REVISED Policy No. 5112—Students—New Kindergarten Age Requirements:**

New Legislation has changed kindergarten eligibility date for children born on or before September 1, 2024 and each year thereafter. Any parent of a student who is born on or after September 2 and before January 1 and would like their child to enter Kindergarten will need to submit a written request to the building principal. The principal and other appropriate certified staff will conduct a student assessment to determine if the student is developmentally ready for Kindergarten.

**REVISED Policy No. 6146 (Modified from Policy No. 5133)—Instruction—Graduation Requirements**

This policy will include additional language which covers the new FAFSA graduation requirements, as well as updating current language to reflect practice. Additional work is needed on this policy. It will be resubmitted the subcommittee when new changes have been made.

Mr. Levenduski stated that there are other policies forthcoming which include Suicide Prevention and Intervention, the change of a Graduation Requirements and new legislation that requires school districts to distribute information about mediation services to families with students identified as Special Education at the beginning of the school year, and also to read aloud a statement regarding mediation services at the beginning of the PPT. These topics and policies will be discussed more thoroughly at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Levenduski stated that he is also working with Mrs. Buden on a couple of personnel policies and regulations regarding staff attendance and FMLA.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JERED BRUZAS TO BRING FIVE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICIES TO THE NEXT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING FOR THEIR FIRST READING ON MARCH 11, 2024. TOM ARCARI SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Mr. Levenduski will contact the subcommittee with a date for their next meeting. More information will also follow.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JERED BRUZAS TO ADJOURN THE POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:45 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TOM ARCARI. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Calistro  
Recorder of Minutes