

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S
POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

Special Meeting Topics: Review of Policies and Regulations for Board of Education Approval

Place and Time: Plainville High School Learning Commons, 47 Robert Holcomb Way, Plainville, CT @
4:30 PM

Members Present: Subcommittee Chair Crystal St. Lawrence, Thomas Arcari, Ruth Boiczuk, Lori Consalvo,
Ex-Officio and Foster White

Members Absent: None

Also Present: David Levenduski, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Steven LePage, Superintendent of Schools
Board Member Rachel Buchanan
Board Member Cassandra Clark
Student Representative Isabella Grasso

Early Departures: None

Chair Crystal St. Lawrence called the special meeting of the Plainville Board of Education's Policy Subcommittee to order at 4:30 PM.

The following policies and regulations were up for review and discussion:

Policy No. 5132 Students: Student Dress (NEW TITLE)—**REVISED**
Eliminate Old Policy: Dress and Grooming

Policy No. 5141.21 Students: Administering Medication—**REVISED**
Eliminate Old Policy and Regulation

Policy No. 7552 New Construction: Recognition of Service—**REVISED**
Eliminate Old Policy

Policy No. 7551 New Construction: Naming of Components of Buildings and/or School Grounds--
REVISED
Eliminate Old Policy

Policy No. 6172.1 Instruction: Equitable Identification of Gifted and Talented Students (NEW TITLE)--
REVISED
Eliminate Old Policy: Gifted Children Program

Mr. Levenduski began the discussion of the following policies and regulations:

Policy No. 5132 Students—Student Dress (New Title):

With increased focus on the rationale and appropriateness of the current policy and associated regulations, we arranged for student involvement in the modification of the current language. A student committee to discuss the policy was created at the Middle School and High School levels. A discussion ensued between Subcommittee members, Mr. Levenduski, Mr. LePage and Ms. Grasso regarding this policy.

There are a few changes that will be made to the proposed policy.

Mr. Levenduski asked that the dress code proposal be taken home for review and asked that they send any further suggestions by email to the group and then they will reconvene to discuss.

Policy No. 5141.21 Students—Administering Medication:

Mr. Levenduski stated that the Connecticut General Statutes 10-212a addresses the administration of medication in schools and generally requires a written order of a qualified medical professional and the written authorization of a parent or guardian before medication can be administered to a student. Sections 7 through 9 of Public Act No. 22-80 make a number of changes to this law, *and allow school nurses or, in their absence, qualified school employees, to maintain and administer opioid antagonists, on an emergency basis and without prior written authorization, to students experiencing opioid-related drug overdoses, provided they do so in accordance with the board of education's policies and procedures and certain requirements are met.* Our prior model policy included an optional Section E addressing the use of Narcan in schools. The newly revised policy contains a revised optional Section E regarding the administration of opioid antagonists, which section reflects the new law's requirements.

In accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes 10-212a (a)(2) and section 10-212a-2 of the Regulations and Connecticut State Agencies, the law requires that the Board review its administration of medications policy biennially, and *to seek the advice and approval of the school medical advisor, if any, or other qualified licensed physician, and the school nurse supervisor with respect to policy changes. Any proposed revisions to the policy must be made with the advice and approval of the school medical advisor, school nurse supervisor or other qualified licensed physician.* Accordingly, the Board should follow the prescribed review procedure prior to formally adopting any of the changes recommended by Shipman.

(37v36) (October 2022 Revision)

On October 1, 2022, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) released guidelines regarding the storage and administration of opioid antagonists in schools, and we have revised Section E of the policy to reflect such guidelines. In addition, we revised this policy to provide additional clarity around the use of continuous blood glucose monitors in schools.

Policy No. 7552: New Construction: Recognition of Service

This policy was revisited in light of recent requests to recognize certain individuals within certain specific areas of a school building. This policy has been modified to include a comprehensive rationale for any request in addition to the current steps in the process.

Policy No. 7551: New Construction: Naming of Components of Buildings and/or School Grounds

This policy was revisited in light of recent requests to recognize certain individuals for their past service, and modified to include alternative methods of recognition.

Policy No. 6172.1: Instruction: Policy for the Equitable Identification of Gifted and Talented Students (New Title):

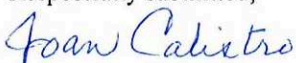
Last year, the Connecticut Legislature passed Public Act No. 21-199, which requires boards of education, not later than July 1, 2022, to adopt a policy for the equitable identification of gifted and talented students. Such policy must require the use of multiple methods of identification of gifted and talented students that are in compliance with guidance provided by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). CSDE released guidance on the topic in 2019. We have developed a model policy that reflects the legislative requirements. Note: we already had an existing policy on record, however we needed to identify what assessments we would be utilizing in order to equitably identify our students as gifted and talented.

Mr. Levenduski will follow-up with Subcommittee members with regard to the aforementioned policies and will get a consensus as to whether these policies should be brought to the Board's Regular Business meeting on March 13th for approval.

Mr. Levenduski also stated that the next Policy Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for *Monday, May 1, 2023*. More information will follow.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO ADJOURN THE POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:05 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TOM ARCARI. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Calistro
Recorder of Minutes