

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022**

Special Meeting Topics: Review of policies

Place and Time: VIRTUAL @ 4:00 PM

Members Present: Chair, Crystal St. Lawrence, Foster White, Deborah Hardy, Ruth Boiczuk,

Members Absent: Tom Arcari and Lori Consalvo, Ex-officio

Also Present: David Levenduski, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Rachel Buchanan, Board Member
Laurie Peterson, Board Member

Early Departures: None

Chair Crystal St. Lawrence called the special meeting of the Plainville Board of Education to order at 4:05 PM.

The following policies were up for review and discussion:

CREDIT FOR ONLINE COURSES AND REMOTE LEARNING POLICY NO. 6201

Reason for New Policy:

This policy is based on Public Act No. 21-46, as amended by Section 391 of the June Special Session, Public Act No. 21-2, which required the Commissioner of Education to develop, by January 1, 2022, and update as necessary standards for remote learning. Beginning July 1, 2022, the Act allows Boards of Education to authorize remote learning for students in grades 9-12, provided the remote instruction is in compliance with the SDE standards for remote learning.

STUDENT PRIVACY POLICY NO. 5146

Reason for Changes:

Based on guidance from the U.S. Department of Education's Student Privacy Policy Office, this updated language clarifies when the administration must obtain prior written consent of a parent or student before administering a student survey related to certain topics, and when the administration must provide parents' or students' notice and an opportunity to opt out of participation.

FOOD SERVICE CHARGES POLICY NO. 3542.43

Reasons for Modifications to Current Policy:

New legislation requires the inclusion of the following Board policy for the collection of unpaid school meal charges:

1. A prohibition on publicly identifying or shaming a child for any unpaid meal charges, by
 - a. Delaying or refusing to serve a meal to the child
 - b. Designation a specific meal for the child, or
 - c. Taking any disciplinary action against the child
2. A declaration of a child's right to purchase one meal (which may exclude a la carte items) for any school breakfast, lunch, or other feeding; and

3. A procedure for communicating with parents or guardians about collecting a child's unpaid meal charges, including
Information on local food pantries,
 - a. Applications for free or reduced-price meals and the Department of Social Services' supplemental nutrition assistance program, and
 - b. A link to the school district's website that lists any community services available to town residents

FAFSA COMPLETION RATES POLICY NO. 6202

Reason for New Policy:

This policy aligns with Section 6 of Public Act No. 21-199, which directs Boards of Education to adopt a policy no later than July 1, 2022, to improve completion rates of the FAFSA by students enrolled in grade 12 or an adult education program maintained by the board.

CHALLENGING CURRICULUM POLICY NO. 6203

Reason for New Policy:

This policy aligns with Sections 3, 4 and 5 of Public Act No. 21-199, which requires Boards of Education, not later than July 1, 2022, to adopt a policy that:

1. Provides multiple methods by which a student may satisfy the eligibility criteria for student enrollment in an ***advanced course or program*** (defined as an honors class, advanced placement class, International Baccalaureate program, Cambridge International program, dual enrollment, dual credit, early college or any other advanced or accelerated course or program offered by a local or regional board of education in grades 9-12).
2. Provides a provision requiring the creation of an "academic plan". This plan must be created for each student identified under the criteria in the board's challenging curriculum policy. This plan must be designed to enroll the student in one or more advanced courses or programs and allow the student to earn college credit or result in career readiness.
3. These "academic plans" can be part of the required student success plans, but should not conflict with the career choices of the student or the student's parent or guardian.

It was the consensus of the subcommittee to bring all of the aforementioned policies to the next Board of Education meeting for their first reading on May 9, 2022.

No action was taken at this time.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORAH HARDY TO ADJOURN THE POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FOSTER WHITE. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Calistro

Recorder of Minutes