

**Madison Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Policy Committee Meeting  
February 15, 2022  
5:30 PM  
Zoom**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Diane Infantine-Vyce called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Members present: Diane Infantine-Vyce, Jen Gordon, Maureen Lewis

Also present: Craig Cooke, Seth Klaskin, Wendy Brighindi

Recorder: Diane Infantine-Vyce

**Discussed Policies to Update:** (Policy Notes from Shipman & Goodwin were provided with explanations for each policy change recommended.)

- **#1150 - Prohibition Against Smoking** – made additional changes regarding “real property” and “school property” wording and also changes to align wording with policy #4116 regarding school property examples. Committee unanimously voted to move forward to the Board for adoption.
- **#4116 - Alcohol, Tobacco & Drug Free Workplace** (formerly Alcohol, Drugs & Tobacco) – discussed and made additional changes to align wording with policy #1150. Committee unanimously voted to move forward to the Board for adoption.
- **#5090.7 - Drugs and Alcohol Use by Students** (formerly Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, Inhalants and Performance-Enhancing Substances) discussed the omission of tobacco from new policy, reviewed comments from S&G; policy requires further revision and review to include tobacco products and inhalants and will have it ready for the next committee meeting in March. We will also review Discipline Policy 5000 series to align policies in the future.
- **#5113 - Student Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism** (formerly Student Attendance) – all legal reference changes and additions. Committee unanimously voted to move forward to the Board for adoption.
- **#5113R - Student Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism** (formerly Student Attendance) – all “child” references to be changed to “student”. Discussed changes to lines 181-184 to allow emails with scanned copies of doctor’s notes and remove “rare and extraordinary circumstances”. This is an Administrative Regulation and does not require a vote by the Policy Committee. Will follow up with the Superintendent regarding changes discussed.
- **#5131.911 – Bullying Prevention and Intervention** – all changes made to conform with CT law and Acts. Committee unanimously voted to move forward to the Board for adoption.
- **#5131.914 – Safe School Climate Policy** - all changes made to conform with CT law and Acts. Question raised by Seth Klaskin regarding Policy committee voting to ask Curriculum Committee to review policy for possible educational purposes. Committee unanimously voted to move forward to the Board for adoption.

**Discussed New Policies for Adoption:**

- **#5121 Chemical Health for Student Athletes** – policy required by CIAC – discussed absence of tobacco products in policy and questioned if Social Workers, Psychologists and Athletic Trainers are included under “Professional Employee” definition – would like them added. Added “or” to line 51 to

allow for off label use as directed by a medical professional. Requesting guidance from S&G regarding questions and changes. However, as this policy is required, the committee voted to move forward to the board for adoption with changes discussed. Additional revisions may be made before the end of the year.

- **#5125R Immunizations** – policy required, Administrative Reg that does not require a policy vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.