

BOE Policy Committee Minutes
April 23, 2014
SHS Library Media Center
7:00 p.m.

The meeting of Stonington Board of Education's Policy committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2014 in the Stonington High School Library Media Center.

Members Present: Frank Todisco, Alisa Morrison, Faith Leitner, and SHS Assistant Principal Mark Friesse

I. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Todisco and seconded by Mr. Friesse to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2014 meeting. Approved minutes 4-0.

II. Social Media: There was much discussion about the need for a social media policy. It is understood by all members that there are current entities within the district that are currently using social media. Three items came under consideration:

1. The need to find out what groups currently is using social media and who is responsible for the information that is sent out via social media. Frank stated that he would ask Dr. Riley to request this information.
2. Appropriate use of social media was also discussed. Mr. Friesse stated that student conduct is already covered under many other policies and that a new social media specific policy was not needed. Alisa Morrison suggested that those current policies be reviewed and appropriate references to social media be inserted into those policies. Mr. Friesse stated that he would forward that suggestion to Dr. Riley as part of our June policy review.
3. A general policy to provide guidelines for use of social media was the final part of the discussion. All parties agreed that starting with the CAFE Policy and then personalizing it for Stonington Public Schools would be the best method. The CAFE policy will be brought to the May policy meeting.

III. Graduation Ceremony Participation: The policy has been revised with the recommendations from board. A paper copy was not reviewed at the meeting. Mr. Friesse said he would email the revised copy to the committee members. Mr. Todisco stated that committee members could review the revised policy and he would put the policy on the May Board agenda.

IV. Other Issues: Mr. Friesse stated that he would like to bring forward to the committee at the next meeting the policy regarding drugs in school and the overall program to ensure our school is free of drugs. This will be put on the next agenda.

V. Adjournment: Motion made by Mark Friesse to adjourn at 7:35. Seconded by Alisa Morrison. Approved 4-0

Respectfully submitted – Mark Friesse



Van Riley, Superintendent