The Policy Committee Meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board Meeting Room, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, Connecticut on October 20, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Robert Guthrie, Chairman of the Policy Committee at 6:10 p.m.

POLICY COMMITTEE
MEMBERS
IN ATTENDANCE: Robert Guthrie, Chairman
Betsy Davis
Patricia Libero
Rosa Richardson

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patrick Egolum

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Neil Cavallaro, Superintendent of Schools

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:
Chairman Bob Guthrie said there are a total of five policies that needed some modification. The superintendent and his staff have been going back and forth with CABE and CABE will make the official language changes and send us the corrected policies once the Board of Education adopts them. Most of these are language changes for updates required by Public Acts.

It was decided that whatever the committee members adopt tonight will be put on the next regular board agenda.

6111 School Calendar – Revise to add: For the school year commencing July 1, 2014 and each school year thereafter, the Board of Education shall use the RESC developed and approved uniform regional school calendar.

We have matched our calendar up with what was recommended by ACES.

Rosa Richardson made the motion to add the adoption of the school calendar to the next agenda. Pat Libero seconded the motion. All committee members were in favor; motion passes. 6111 School Calendar will be added to next agenda.

5114 Suspension/Expulsion; Student Due Process addition due to Public Act
Rosa Richardson made the motion to accept the amendments to 5114 and bring it before the board at the next meeting. Pat Libero seconded the motion. All committee members were in favor; motion passes. 5114 will be added to the next agenda.

5131.911 Positive Safe School Climate – Add teen dating violence to current policy and Public Acts to Policy 5131.911(a) and also under forms #5131.911.

Pat Libero made the motion to accept 5131.911. Betsy Davis seconded the motion. All committee members were in favor; motion passes. 5131.911 will be added to the next agenda.

5141.21 Administering Medication. Legislation is being discussed and could be changing. Our medical staff has suggested that we wait on this.

Rosa Richardson ha motioned to table 5141.21 and leave it in committee Betsy Davis seconded it. All committee members agreed to table item 5141.21.

5141.7(a) Student Sports – Concussions – We currently do not have this policy. We will be adding a policy using our concussion education plan and consent form and not the forms provided by CABE. Superintendent Cavallaro said the form that we are using is one that the Connecticut Association of Schools has passed out which we modified. It is very simple to follow and complies with the legislation that was passed.

Rosa Richardson made a motion to add 5141.7(a) Student Sports – Concussions to the next board agenda. Pat Libero seconded the motion and all committee members were in
agreement.  5141.7(a) Student Sports – Concussions will be added to the next board agenda.

5141.28 (a) First Aid/Emergency Medical Care – This is not a mandatory policy by statute or by CABE and we currently do not have this policy. Our Athletic Director and our medical staff are comfortable with what our other existing policies state and didn’t think it was necessary to add this. Rosa Richardson would like to look into this and made a motion to table item 5141.28(a). Bob Guthrie seconded the motion and all committee members were in agreement.

Chairman Guthrie asked for a motion to adjourn.
Rosa Richardson made the motion
Betsy Davis seconded the motion
The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Marylou C. Amendola
Board Secretary