



Torrington Board of Education

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Policy Committee Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 2, 2015

MINUTES

Members Present: Ellen Hoehne, Committee Chair; John Kissko; Jim Lamoin

Also Present: Board of Education: Daniel Thibault, Jess Richardson

Administration: Susan M. Lubomski, Assistant Superintendent

1. Ms. Hoehne called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call was taken.
3. Mr. Kissko moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 4, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lamoin. All in favor.
4. Mr. Lamoin moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 12, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kissko. All in favor.
5. Ms. Hoehne presented to the committee the discipline tier-level structure as proposed by the THS site administration.
 - a. Tier 2: Remove the "Use of Electronics" section for THS; designate minor theft and minor vandalism with a dollar amount
 - b. Tier 3: designate major theft and major vandalism with a dollar amount
 - c. Tier 4: possession of drugs and controlled substances and/or intent to distribute
 - d. Tier 3: possession of drugs and controlled substances with intent to sell
6. Instead of the site administrative proposal, the board members agreed on the details of a proposal which will be presented to the full Board of Education for informational purposes.
 - a. Vandalism: \$100 and over is major vandalism; under \$100 is minor vandalism;

- b. Theft: determined that there is no cost associated with theft; items can be intrinsically valuable without a dollar value; remove theft from Tier 2 and place in Tier 3 without a dollar amount; any theft is too much;
 - c. All drug and alcohol offenses are to be placed in Tier 4 and removed from Tier 3 as these are considered serious offenses;
 - d. Change for THS only: “Misuse/unauthorized use of an electronic device or devices” needs to be added to Tier 3; and “Use of Electronic Devices” is to be removed from Tier 2 immediately as BYOD (policy no. 6041) goes into effect January 4th at the high school;
 - e. All changes above apply to the middle school with the exception of the “electronic device” change; “Use of Electronic devices” verbiage remains in Tier 2 for TMS.
7. THS and TMS handbooks are approved by the full BOE.
8. Topics for Future Meetings:
- a. New model language reflecting legislative changes to be provided by Shipman and Goodwin.
 - i. MOA for SRO needs to be updated.
 - ii. Employee On-line Policy and Social Media Policy
 - b. New legislation on Nurse Medication Distribution
 - c. New Graduation requirements
9. Comments for the Good of the Order: THS stage plays are coming up. Mr. Kissko, who retires from the Board of Education this week, state that Policy was his favorite committee on which he has served.
10. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lamoin and seconded by Mr. Kissko. All in favor.
11. Meeting adjourned 6:32 p.m.