



**Policy Committee Meeting**  
**December 19, 2016, 5:30 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

Committee Members Present: Mr. Hurley, Ms. Cohen, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Urbano

Also Present: Mr. Blake (>5:45), Ms. Russo (<8:00), Superintendent Charles Dumais

1. Call to Order: Mr. Hurley called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
2. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. Motion to accept minutes as written by Ms. Cohen, Yea (Ms. McCreven, Ms. Cohen), Abstention (Ms. Urbano), PASS.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Discussion and Possible Action on Amity Board of Education Policies
  - a. Motion by Ms. Cohen to accept Bylaw 9125 as written and send it to the full Board for first read, Yea (Ms. Cohen, Ms. McCreven, Mr. Blake), Nay (Ms. Urbano), PASS.
  - b. Motion by Ms. Urbano to accept Bylaw 9126 as written and send it to the full Board for first read, unanimous, PASS.
  - c. Motion by Ms. Cohen to reject Bylaw 9130, unanimous, PASS.
  - d. Motion by Ms. Urbano to accept Bylaw 9131 as written and send it to the full Board for first read, unanimous, PASS.
5. Mr. Hurley called for a brief break. (6:24)
6. Discussion and Possible Action on Amity Board of Education Policies (continued)
  - a. Motion by Ms. McCreven to edit Bylaw 9132 and send it to the full Board for first read, unanimous, PASS:
    - i. 4(a) is replaced with “All committees of the Board of Education shall follow the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act as required by statute.
    - ii. 4(c) is added and states “The minutes shall include the names of the committee members in attendance, listing of topics discussed, and committee recommendations.”
  - b. Motion by Ms. Urbano to accept Bylaw 9132.4 as written and send it to the full Board for first read, unanimous, PASS.
7. Motion by Ms. Urbano to consider agenda item 4(b) Bylaw 9132.6, unanimous, PASS.
8. Motion by Ms. McCreven to send original, unedited version of Bylaw 9132.6 to full Board for first read.



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9. Amendment to Ms. McCreven’s motion by Ms. Urbano to modify Bylaw 9132.6 by replacing “Such review with the AFC *will* include” to “Such review with the AFC *may* include” in paragraph 5 of page 9132.6(b), Yea (Ms. Cohen, Ms. Urbano, Mr. Blake), Nay (Ms. McCreven), PASS.
10. Ms. McCreven requested to withdraw her original motion; Committee Chair denied the request because the motion had been modified. Unanimous consent to withdraw did not exist (Ms. Urbano, Ms. Cohen, and Mr. Blake *against*, Ms. McCreven *for*).
11. Vote on amended motion (item numbers 8 and 9 above), Yea (Ms. Cohen, Ms. Urbano, Mr. Blake), Nay (Ms. McCreven), PASS.
12. Motion by Ms. Urbano to recommend to the Chair of the Amity Board of Education the formation of a special committee to address 9132.6, unanimous, PASS.
  - a. Discussion included the timing of the formation of the special committee and it was recommended that it not be done until the completion of this year’s budget process (i.e. referendum passing).
13. The superintendent was asked to request a legal opinion on the potential of a violation of laws and/or regulations regarding the expenditure of public funds to advocate for or against a referendum result as stated in paragraph 2 on page 9132.6(c) of the Amity Board of Education Bylaws. [Note: CGS §9-369b]
14. Discussion and Possible Action on Amity Board of Education Policies (continued)
  - a. Motion by Ms. McCreven to reject Bylaw 9133, unanimous, PASS.
  - b. Motion by Ms. Cohen to reject Bylaw 9140, unanimous, PASS.
  - c. Motion by Ms. Cohen to reject Bylaw 9150, unanimous, PASS.
  - d. Motion by Ms. McCreven to consider the *Old Saybrook* version of Bylaw 9160, Yea (Ms. McCreven), Nay (Ms. Cohen, Ms. Urbano, Mr. Blake), FAIL. [Hence, Bylaw 9160 is rejected]
  - e. Motion by Ms. Urbano to reject Bylaw 9200, unanimous, PASS.
  - f. Motion by Ms. Cohen to reject Bylaw 9220, unanimous, PASS.
  - g. Motion by Ms. McCreven to reject Bylaw 9221, unanimous, PASS.
  - h. Motion by Ms. Cohen to edit Bylaw 9222 to include “Deputy Treasurer” in the section titled “Removal from Office” and send it to the full Board for first read, unanimous, PASS. [Suggested edits from CABE are *not* to be included]
  - i. Motion by Ms. Urbano to accept Bylaw 9230 with the following edits and send it to the full Board for first read, unanimous, PASS.
    - i. Edit #1 to include “..., and will be expected to familiarize themselves with them.”
    - ii. Edit #2 to read, in its entirety, “The incoming Board member shall be invited to meet the Superintendent and Board Chairperson for the purpose of explaining and answering questions about Board processes and procedures, and the responsibilities of the individual Board member.”
    - iii. Include the CABE recommended addition of the “Candidate” section.



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15. Motion by Ms. Cohen to postpone to the next meeting the discussion of Policy 5142.4, unanimous, PASS.
16. Motion by Ms. Cohen to edit Bylaw 9260 to include “Amity Regional School District,” strike “Public Schools,” and send it to the full Board for first read, unanimous, PASS
17. Motion by Ms. McCreven to accept legal reference changes to Bylaw 9270 and send to the full Board for first read, unanimous, PASS.
18. Motion by Ms. McCreven to send Norwalk version of Bylaw 9273, edited to replace “Norwalk” with “Amity,” to the full Board for first read, Yea (Ms. McCreven, Ms. Urbano), Nay (Ms. Cohen, Mr. Blake), FAIL.
19. Motion by Ms. Cohen to adjourn the meeting, unanimous, PASS.
20. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Dumais, Ed.D.  
Superintendent