

WESTBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Policy Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday, May 7, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.
via Google Meet

MINUTES

Members Present: Kim Walker, Zachary Hayden, Mary Ella Luft, Mike Esposito
Also Present: Superintendent Patricia A. Ciccone, IT Specialist, Ben Russell, R. Rose,
Daisy Principal

I. CALL TO ORDER – The Policy Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Kim Walker, Chair at 4:38 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. February 20, 2020
2. April 23, 2020

The minutes of February 20, 2020 and April 23, 2020 were tabled until the May 21st meeting. Mr. Esposito requested a second revision of the February 20, 2020 minutes. Mr. Hayden pointed out a correction in the 2/20/2020 minutes, changing the word preview to purview.

III. REVIEW SHIPMAN & GOODWIN RECOMMENDATIONS - DISTANCE EDUCATION POLICY 6172.6: The subcommittee reviewed the Distance Education Policy as submitted by legal counsel, Shipman & Goodwin. Revisions were made to the existing policy to include reference to COVID19 along with other suggestions from Shipman & Goodwin. The Chair requested the Policy be presented to the full Board at the May 12, 2020 regular board of education meeting for a first reading and in order to move it along quickly, referred to the Superintendent the possibility of a second read as well for the Board to vote to approve the revisions. The Superintendent agreed it would be beneficial to move it along. There was discussion regarding a Distance Learning “Committee” and the Superintendent suggested the Policy sub-committee follows through on whether a new committee should be formulated or if PDEC and PLC’s would serve in that capacity. It was requested the Committee review Regulations for the Distance Learning policy prior to the May 12 meeting and asked they be sent to committee members and schedule a meeting set for May

11th to discuss the Regulations. Cecilia will send regulations associated with the Distance Learning Policy to the Policy Subcommittee.

Per Kim, Natalia Sieira-Milan will continue to work with the Policy Subcommittee.

- IV. ADJOURN: Moved by Z. Hayden and seconded by M. Luft to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Walker, Board Secretary

Cecilia S. Lester, Board Recording Clerk