

Salem School District
Policy Subcommittee of the Salem Board of Education
June 27, 2022
Media Center
10:00 a.m.

Present: Jen Rucci (Chair), Dan Marsh, LaVan Norwood
Administration: Brian Hendrickson, Superintendent

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by Jennifer Rucci.
2. The subcommittee unanimously approved the March 28, 2022 meeting minutes. (LN/DM)
3. Policy #6000 Curriculum Philosophy was updated to reflect Salem School’s current mission statement. Discussion agrees that this can be brought to vote at the next policy meeting to be brought to the full board for first reading at the August meeting.
4. Legislative changes impacting policies were brought forth from Superintendent Hendrickson providing sample CAFE policies to reflect changes noted in the legislative direction. Policy #3542.43 Charging Policy (rev), #6141.52 Challenging Curriculum Policy (new) and #6172.1 Gifted and Talented Students Program (new) were reviewed. Policy #3542.43 updates were agreed upon to be brought to vote next policy meeting. Policy #6141.52 reflected the legislation surrounding the challenging curriculum for 8th grade students that qualify for more rigorous pace of academic core classes. This is not to be confused with talented and gifted students which is updated and reflected in policy #6172.1. Mr. Hendrickson reports that legislatively we are required to make some changes to the scheduling within 8th grade to assure adherence to the policy. He also states that current staffing models and middle school class structure are conducive to these changes without necessarily adding increases to the school budget. Policy #6172.1 Gifted and Talented Student Program was brought as a new policy from CAFE as the current policy is vague and required some procedural adjustments that the new policy would help to support as reported by Mr. Hendrickson. All recommended policies can be brought to vote at the next policy meeting to be brought to the full board for first reading at the August BOE meeting.
5. Superintendent Hendrickson reviewed school schedules of both Elementary and Middle School. Due to potential budget impacts Mr. Hendrickson recommends an annual declaration of schedule to the Board of Education. Discussion amongst policy subcommittee members recommended that this be added to the annual management plan and not a formal policy at this time. It is recommended that the annual management plan is addressed in the next policy meeting as other Board of Ed members had brought up requests for the annual management plan.
6. Discuss Curriculum Subcommittee due to policy implications in #6161 Textbook and Educational Materials. Mr. Hendrickson reports that due to the lack of a formal curriculum subcommittee Policy 6161 is not being carried out procedurally as it is written. Discussion between policy members surrounded if a curriculum subcommittee was necessary and what the role of the Board of Education is in curriculum. Mr. Hendrickson provided background knowledge of what other school districts in Connecticut do regarding a curriculum subcommittee. Policy subcommittee members agreed that further discussion about this subcommittee is necessary to assure Board support and knowledge of curriculum being implemented is able to be reviewed and summarized

for the full Board. Policy Chairwoman, Jennifer Rucci, will reach out to Board Chair Sean Reith to discuss if changes to current policies are necessary to update the curriculum subcommittee such as making the committee ad-hoc similar to the budget subcommittee. This will be followed up on at the next policy meeting.

7. Other: None
8. Next Regular Meeting Date: July 25, 2022 at 4:00 pm in the Media Center.
9. Future Agenda Items:
Action/Discussion Items:
 - Policy #6000
 - Policy #3541.43
 - Policy #6141.52
 - Policy #6172.1
 - Curriculum Subcommittee Policy Adjustments (#6161)
 - Management Plan Policy
 - BOE Award
 - Intent of School Schedule
 - Policy subcommittee management plan
10. Motion to adjourn at 11:18 am. (LN/DM)