

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FAIRFIELD, CT

**Standing Committee Meeting
Curriculum, Policy and Special Programs**

Wednesday, November 4, 2009
Education Center
501 Kings Highway East
Superintendent's Conference Room
8:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order- Call to Order at 8:00 by Stacey Zahn. Board members present were Stacey Zahn, Sue Dow and David Weber, as well as Deputy Superintendent Jack Boyle, Director of Special Education Andrea Leonardi, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Gary Rosato. Additionally, David Ebling, Jim Coyne, Chris Manfredonia, Dave Schulz, Donna Schmardel, Jeff Burt, Deidra Preis, and Patrice Fagella were in attendance.

- II. Review of Policies
 - Policy #6141 Recognition of Religious Holidays – Reviewed and discussed. No changes were recommended. High School Athletic Directors explained CIAC rules regarding 14 practices prior to first contest and the possible impact of the change in the calendar that indicates that there are no after school practices or activities on the evening before Yom Kippur or Rosh Hashanah. Different options were discussed. Dave Schultz will contact CIAC to determine whether there is any flexibility in this policy. Policy committee agreed to review the implications next year prior to the setting of the 2011-2012 school calendar.
 - There will be no change to the current practice regarding Friday night practice, contests, performances, etc. as these do not constitute religious holidays under the above policy.
 - Review of Head Injury Protocol – The Head Injury Protocol was reviewed and discussed. The protocol has been reviewed by Dr. Scholan, Town Medical Advisor. The committee discussed of the potential use of the IMPACT assessment. Dr. Scholan will be consulted to see if our current medical requirements for athletes should be revised to include this assessment.
 - High School Program of Studies additions and deletions. Committee discussed current practices for adding or deleting courses from the program of studies. High School Administration reviewed their current practices. All agreed to share a written protocol for the addition and deletion of courses from the program of studies and share with the BOE.

- III. Curriculum Revision/Review

- Social Studies proposed changes – Jeff Burt presented proposed changes to the 9-12 Social Studies sequence. Changes were discussed and supported by all. Proposal will be brought before the full BOE for review and a vote at the November meeting.
- Middle School Music Curriculum was reviewed. To be presented to the full BOE on November 10, 2009.

IV. Open Discussion

- Motion to amend pandemic policy. BOE member Sue Brand proposes an amendment to the policy. This was reviewed and endorsed by Sands Cleary. Will be proposed at the BOE meeting November 10th.
- Gifts to Schools discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

V. Adjournment - the meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM. **The next committee meeting is November 18, 2009 at 8:00 AM.**