

**EAST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
POLICY & BYLAWS
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
BOARDROOM
35 WHEELBARROW LANE
EAST HAVEN, CT 06513
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2010
6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: MRS. DEPALMA, MR. DENUZZO, MR. HENNESSEY,
MRS. MAISANO, and MR. SCALESSE**

ARRIVED LATE: MR. POMPANO and MRS. KLUTH (6:15 pm)

**ABSENT: MRS. VINEYARD
MR. PALLADINO
MR. JASON LATHROP, BUSINESS ADMIN
MR. JOSEPH TRAVAGLINO, DIRECTOR OF
BLDGS. & GROUNDS**

**ALSO PRESENT: MR. ANTHONY SERIO, SUPERINTENDENT
MRS. ERICA FORTI, ASST. SUPT. OF
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
MRS. MARY ACQUARULO, DIRECTOR OF
PUPIL SERVICES
MRS. PATTIE LEWIS, FINANCE MANAGER**

1. OPEN MEETING

Mr. Scalesse called the Policy and Bylaws Subcommittee meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Boardroom at the High School.

2. Review Policies and Bylaws

Mr. Scalesse explained the purpose of this meeting was to update the policies and bylaws. The goal was to identify different policies and bylaws. He handed out required policies and recommended Policies from CABE. He highlighted policies that were not in the manual some of them they did have and it was suggested they check these policies against the master.

Mr. Palladino and Mrs. Kluth arrived at 6:15.

Mr. Scalesse wanted “Hot Topics” reviewed. He wanted everyone to review which policies were important and should be included in their policies and to identify any current bylaws that need to be revised. The following policies were discussed:

9150 Board Consultants regarding Attorneys and who is representing the Board. Would like a list of preferred firms and attorneys. Mrs. Depalma wants total Board input. Mr. Serio said they were not usually listed because the bylaws would have to be changed every term. Mr. Palladino suggested they leave it up to Central Office to use the Attorneys they choose.

5131.6 Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

Much discussion took place on the drug and expulsion policies. The feeling was the policy was too vague and needs to be more specific regarding the type of offense 1st, 2nd, etc; alcohol or marijuana, drug and sale and distribution.

Mrs. DePalma wants zero tolerance.

Discussion also took place on the expulsion hearings and all the board members not being informed of what was taken place. Hearing officer credentials were questioned and who appoints the officer.

Mrs. Depalma said that nine expulsions was way too high. We need to look at how we can prevent the problems.

5131.913(a) Cyber-bullying

Mr. DeNuzzo wants to adopt a cyber-bullying policy. Mrs. Acquarulo is the Title 9 Coordinator which handles bullying. Mr. Hennessy wants policies to adhere to staff also.

3. DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT GOALS

Mr. Serio advised everyone has a copy of the Superintendent Goals please review and can revisit goals at another time.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. DePalma and seconded by Mrs. Maisiano

There was no discussion on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**MR. CHARLES SCALESSE, CHAIR
POLICY & BYLAWS SUBCOMMITTEE**