

Wethersfield Public Schools
127 Hartford Avenue
Wethersfield, Connecticut 06109

Policy and Planning Committee
Wednesday, July 30, 2025
6:00 p.m., Stillman Building

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Individuals Present:

Administration

Jeff Wihbey
Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote
John Karzar

BOE Members

Matt Laccavole
Marjorie Callan Carson
James Reilly
Chuck Carey
Bobbie Hughes Granato (ex-officio)

1. Call to Order by Matt Laccavole at 5:58 pm.

Upon the meeting being called to order we went around the table and each individual introduced themselves. We briefly discussed plans for this sub-committee's meetings going forward, with little being changed as to how we have proceeded in the past.

2. Discussion and Possible Action of:

A. Mandated Policies for First Review

First discussion item was the state-mandated Connecticut School Climate Policy, which is replacing the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy. Components of the new policy were explained and discussed, as well as how it is implemented, or plays out, in real life situations in our schools. Matt Laccavole MOVED to advance the policy to the entire Board for a first read during our August 26 BOE meeting. Marjorie Callan Carson SECONDED and all were in favor.

The second discussion item was the state-mandated Restorative Practices Response Policy. There was less discussion on this item, primarily because our district has already been utilizing these practices for around six years now. Matt Laccavole MOVED to advance the policy to the entire Board for a first read during our August 26 BOE meeting. Marjorie Callan Carson SECONDED and all were in favor.

B. Policy for Consideration

Therapy Dog Policy. As a Board, we had already voted to allow for a therapy dog to be allowed in our schools, and now we are in the process of implementing a Policy and/or Administrative Regulation to complement the Policy. This item will be discussed again at a future Policy and Planning Committee meeting. No vote taken.

3. Other Business

Discussed options for safe graduation - in terms of where it could be held and how it pertains to the tentative last day of school for high school seniors. No vote taken.

4. Adjournment

Matt Laccavole MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.. Marjorie Callan Carson SECONDED. Matt Laccavole was in favor, Marjorie Callan Carson was in favor, James Reilly was in favor, and Charles Carey abstained.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Laccavole, Committee Chair