

**WESTBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Thursday, July 21, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.
Policy Sub-Committee Meeting
BOE Conference Room**

MINUTES

Members Present: Marti White, Don Perreault, Kim Walker, Mary Ella Luft
Dee Adorno @ 6:30 p.m.

Also Present: Superintendent Patricia A. Ciccone

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Marti White, Chair, called the Policy Subcommittee meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Mary Ella Luft and seconded by Don Perreault to approved the minutes of May 19, 2016. Ayes: M. Luft, D. Perreault, M. White Abstained: K. Walker
- III. NEW BUSINESS: Policy 5145.511: As discussed at the May 19, 2016 Policy meeting, Superintendent Ciccone used CABE’s version 2 of Policy 5145.511 – Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Program, as a model to apply it to the Westbrook Public Schools. It was her recommendation to include an “opt out” waiver, as she believes time will be needed to acclimate the community to the curriculum. The Superintendent said that a curriculum is in the process of being written and she has been informed that it will be completed by the end of the summer. She said there are four sections which include Pre K-K, Grades 1-4, Grades 5-8, and Grades 9-12. She did discuss the curriculum prognosis at the Administrative Council meeting. The committee reviewed the policy presented with the revisions in red ink, and the consensus was to present it to the full board for a first reading at the August BOE meeting with the second reading at the September meeting; thus Westbrook will become compliant by the October deadline. It was recommended that there be some efforts to educate parents in planned programs (evenings).

Policy 5141.4 – Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect. Superintendent Ciccone recommended changing the wording in this policy to read reasonable “suspicion” in place of reasonable “cause” to align with statutory language and Shipman and Goodwin interpretation of the language as it refers to schools and school personnel. The Committee was in agreement. This policy will also be presented to the full board at the August meeting for a first reading.

It was agreed to schedule a Policy Subcommittee meeting for August 25 at 4:30 p.m.

IV. ADJOURN: Moved by Kim Walker and seconded by Mary Ella Luft to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Walker, Board Secretary

Cecilia S. Lester, Board Recording Clerk