Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
Bloomfield Board of Education, Board Room
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002

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ATTENDANCE:	F. Bogle-Assegai, Chair	Present
	L. Easmon	Present
	C. Jones	Present

ALSO PRESENT:	T. Mack-Mohammed	K. Dunbar	T. Youngberg
	D. Greco	L. Lamenzo	N. Jones
	E. Hilversum		

1. **Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order**
   F. Bogle-Assegai called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. **Consent Agenda**
   A. **Approval of Minutes – Policy Committee Meeting – May 26, 2026**
   A motion was made by L. Easmon and seconded by C. Jones for the Policy Committee to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2026 meeting, as presented.

F. Bogle-Assegai	Aye
L. Easmon	Aye
C. Jones	Aye

The motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.

3. **Old Business**
   A. Policies for a Second Reading
   a. **Transportation – 3541**
   The Transporation Policy - 3541 was presented for a second reading to the Committee. The committee reviewed the policy and suggestions made by the bus company branch maanger regarding mileage and ages. The committee recommended to put forth the policy with the following walking distrances based on grades:

Grade	Limit
K-5	1 miles
6-8	1.25 miles
9-12	1.5 miles

Further the committee reviewed the age for which students should be released to an authorized adult. The committee will recommend to the full Board the policy should state, "any student under the age of 10".

The committee suggested these changes be implemented with the new school year. This policy will go to the full Board for review and possible adoption in November.

4. **New Business**

A. CT State Department of Education Position Statement on Cell Phone Use in Schools and Review of CABE's Policy Personal Technology Use in Schools – 5131.81

Dr. Tracy Youngberg, Superintendent, presented the Connecticut State Department of Education's position statement on cell phone use in schools, along with a model policy provided by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE). She sought input from the committee regarding expectations for student cell phone use during the school day, including whether phones should be secured in lockers and/or bookbags.

Committee members discussed concerns about cell phones as a distraction to student learning and the potential need for designated storage during instructional time, as well as consequences for noncompliance. Members also raised concerns about students' access to cell phones during emergencies.

The committee agreed that additional information on current cell phone practices at Bloomfield High School and Carmen Arace Middle School would be gathered for further consideration. Dr. Youngberg will draft a proposed policy for review at the next committee meeting.

B. Policy for an Initial Reading

a. The Nest Lottery Process – 5112.1

Lisa Lamenzo, Assistant Superintendent, presented Policy 5112.1, Preschool Lottery Process, to the Policy Committee. The policy establishes a fair, impartial, and transparent process for determining preschool enrollment when the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of available seats. It outlines consistent procedures for the application and lottery process to promote equitable access for all eligible children. Lamenzo noted that the pilot program implemented during the previous year was successful.

A motion was made by C. Jones and seconded by L. Easmon for the Policy Committee to bypass a second reading by the committee to expedite the approval process of Policy 5112.1 – Preschool Lottery Process.

F. Bogle-Assegai	Aye
L. Easmon	Aye
C. Jones	Aye

The motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.

4. **Adjournment**

At 7:17 p.m., a motion was made by L. Easmon and seconded by C. Jones to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.

F. Bogle-Assegai, Chair