

**BOE Policy Committee Minutes
November 19, 2012
SHS Library Media Classroom, 6:00 pm**

A meeting of the Board of Education Policy Committee was called to order at 6 p.m. Monday, November, 19, 2012 in the Library Media Center at Stonington High School.

Present were: Board members –Frank Todisco, Kevin Bornstein and Gail MacDonald

Also present: Dr. Van Riley, Superintendent; Mark Friese, Assistant Principal SHS; Tom Bousquet, Middle School Dean of Students

Discussion about possible need to change policy on - Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal - Policy 5113(a):

There has been a change in the state law that defines excused and unexcused absences. Mark Friese explained some challenges with the current policy and Dr. Riley noted the regulations are silent on consequences and procedures.

The Committee asked for some proposed policy language that would strive to address the main problems. This will be brought back to the committee for further review.

Discussion about proposed new policy regarding - District Athletic Policy Statement – Policy 5136:

A draft statement was brought forward by the Athletic Committee. The Policy Committee members had questions about the reasons for the requested policy, along with some of the specific wording. The Athletic Committee will be consulted regarding this and either attend a future meeting or submit some answers and explanation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted –

Gail B. MacDonald, Board Chair