

POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 21, 2016

East Lyme Public Schools will inspire, engage and educate each student to become a contributing citizen and a responsible, independent, and critical thinker.

Board of Education Members Present: Jaime Barr Shelburn (Chair), Tim Hagen, Barbara Senges

Administrators Present: Jeffrey Newton (Superintendent), Amy Drowne (Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment), Michael Susi (ELHS Principal)

Meeting Time: 5:00 – 6:00 PM

1. BOE Policy 0521 Mission-Goals-Objectives: Nondiscrimination

- Relocate BOE Policy 0521 to 5145.4 Student: Nondiscrimination and bring to the Board of Education for a first reading on December 5, 2016.

2. CABE Suggested Policy Students: Nondiscrimination Title VII and Title IX

- Create new BOE Policy 5145.41 from the Shipman & Goodwin suggested Nondiscrimination Title VII and Title IX policy and bring to the Board of Education for a first reading on December 5, 2016.
- The committee discussed “gender identity or expression”, “gender fluidity”, and “documented evidence over time” as stated in the Shipman & Goodwin suggested policy.
- It was noted that the BOE nondiscrimination regulation needs to include nondiscrimination complaint procedures and forms.
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3. BOE Policy 5131 Students: Conduct

- Revise the current BOE policy with suggested revisions and bring back to the Policy Committee for review.

4. BOE Policy 6154 Instruction: Homework

- Assistant Superintendent Amy Drowne reported that parents have expressed concern regarding the BOE’s homework policy. Before the current policy can be revised, the district needs to come to consensus on the intention of homework and how the practice of assigning homework aligns with that intention.
- The homework policy will be brought forward to the next AAA meeting to begin discussion.

Respectfully submitted by
Jaime Barr Shelburn
Policy Committee Chair`