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Policy Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 7:00PM 355 Migeon Avenue Vogel Wetmore

1. Call to Order: 7:20pm
2. Roll Call Board Members Present: Ms. Hoehne (Chair), Ms. Cappabianca, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Spino, Mr. Maniccia, Mr. Kissko
Administration Present: Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Mr. Skarzynski, Mr. Mangalinkx
3. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Spino made the motion, second by Mr. Kissko. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Kissko made the motion, second by Ms. Spino. All in favor.
5. Public Participation: None.
6. Discussion/Next Steps:
 - a. Suspension/Expulsion #6192: After a lengthy conversation regarding the changes to the Suspension/Expulsion policy it was discussed that since the original policy was voted on based upon the suggested policy of Shipman & Goodwin – Attorneys at Law, instead of piecing it together, we should adopt the new policy as it was written based on legislation. It will be brought before the TBOE next month.
 - b. Attendance #6006: THS is addressing the issue of tardiness & unexcused absences. Students going to the nurse habitually, wandering the school or leaving school grounds. Recourse has been challenging. SRO on site should help with the situation. Cameras will help identify if and when they leave. 2 proposals - #1. 5 unexcused tardies = 1 absence and #2. tardy 51% of the time, possibly creates liability...do our Due Diligence: call DCF and installation of cameras would help monitor the given situations as they occur.
 - c. Graduation Requirements #6095: Update for next month discussion. When complete bring before the TBOE.
 - d. Advance Placement #5015: Moving toward taking the exam a requirement of taking the class, by encouraging participation. It would/could be an increase in their personal class ranking and GPA. When they don't take the exam, it is not calculated in their GPA. Reword how to convey to parents and students and bring back next month.

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- e. Process for Policy Revision: #5000-#6000 are tied to changes in legislation. Consideration to take out of Strategic Plan and allow Administration to process through the changes.
 - f. By-Laws of the Board of Education: In order to always have a Quorum as long as Chair and 2 board members are present, even if it is not the committee board members, they would constitute a quorum. Can remove the verbiage “designated” alternatives. The Torrington Board of Education meetings held every 4th Wednesday of the month, begin at 6:30pm. The meeting is to conclude by 9pm. A majority vote would be needed to extend the meeting past 9pm. In regards to any other sub-committee meeting, any other board member can sit for an absent chair. This is in consideration that a number of board members are consistently absent. Meetings they chair do not take place because of their absence.
7. Comments for the Good of the Order: None.
 8. Topics for Future Meetings:
 - a. Attendance
 - b. Graduation
 - c. Advanced Placement
 - d. Process for Policy Revision
 - e. By-Laws of the Board of Education
 9. Adjournment: Ms. Spino made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Kissko. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:58PM.