

Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes March 25, 2021

Present: Jamie Doucette (President), Bill Bloethe (Vice President), Robin Toldo (Member), Matthew Edwards (Member), Christian Arsenault (Superintendent/Principal), and Public.

1. Community Session:

1.1 Call to Order- President Jamie Doucette called the meeting to order at 6:17pm.

1.2 Public Participation-

- Mrs. Doucette read a letter aloud from a group of teachers (Julie Arcelus, Meg Adkin, Adam Baber, Jen Burns, Allie Mesite, Audrey O'Neil, Michele Murphy, Adam Murray, Gina Roehrig, and Heidi Whipple) who wished to voice their support for the revisions to Admission of Non-Resident Student Policy (#5152).
- Mrs. Doucette also read a letter aloud from Chris Dollar. He had indicated that he had read a letter at the previous Board meeting from a group of teachers, however, wished to share his personal opinion regarding the update to the Admission of Non-Resident Students Policy (#5152). He recommended that the Board include a provision for review of non-resident students regarding repeated disciplinary actions.
- Mrs. Doucette also read a letter aloud from Carol Giles which indicated Mrs. Giles' support for a behavior and academic review process for tuition students to be added in the Admission of Non-Resident Students Policy (#5152).
- Mrs. Doucette also read a letter aloud from Jessica Hall which indicated Mrs. Hall's support for a behavior and academic review process for tuition students to be added in the Admission of Non-Resident Students Policy (#5152).
- Tawnya Eastman spoke in her role as a mother of a Fishers Island student (and a past student) regarding her support for a behavior and academic review to be added in the Admission of Non-Resident Students Policy (#5152). She expressed her fear of the negative social impact on current students if a review process did not exist.
- Mr. Arsenault requested permission from Mrs. Doucette to speak on the topic of admissions policies. He thanked the school community members for their input and informed the public that he supported the school policies at this meeting for several reasons, largely because they were compliant with legal advice from the Board's attorney.

2. Action Items

4.1 Approval of Admission of Non-Resident Students Policy #5152 -Motion made by Matthew Edwards, seconded by Robin Toldo. All in favor/none opposed.

4.2 Approval of Tuition Policy #6254 (with update)- The two updates are due to misaligned dates. Motion made by Robin Toldo, seconded by William Bloethe. All in favor/none opposed.

4.3 Approval of Tuition Policy #6254 Appendix (with update)- The updates are also due to misaligned dates. Motion made by Matthew Edwards, seconded by Robin Toldo. All in favor/none opposed.

3. Public Participation-

4. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn made by Robin Toldo, seconded by Matthew Edwards at 5:38 pm.