



**Montville Board of Education
Policy Committee Minutes
Superintendent's Small Conference Room
September 19, 2023**

Item 1. Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Committee Chair James Wood called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members Tina Grove, Carol Burgess, Lisa Terry, and Board Chair Wills Pike were present. Superintendent Pallin and Assistant Superintendent Vumback were present

Item 2: Review and revise Policy 5145.53 Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth

Motion: To approve the revisions to Policy 5145.53; Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth

Moved: Carol Burgess
Seconded: Tina Grove
Vote: Carried 4-0

Superintendent Pallin - Based upon new legislation in the state's antidiscrimination statutes that replaces the old definition for "sexual orientation" with a new one:

- *Adds a definition for sexual orientation as a "person's identity in relation to the gender or genders to which they are romantically, emotionally, or sexually attracted, including any identity that a person may have previously expressed or is perceived by another to hold."*

Item 3. Review and revise Policy 5112 Ages of Attendance

Motion: To approve the revisions to Policy 5112 Ages of Attendance; as presented and send it to the full Board for their review

Moved: Carol Burgess
Seconded: Tina Grove
Vote: Carried 4-0

Superintendent Pallin - Reflects changes in legislation:

- *At age 18 student can withdraw from school without enrolling in any other program*
- *At age 17, with parent or guardian permission, student can withdraw from school but must enroll in adult education (was the age you could withdraw without obligation to attend a public-school program)*
- *Under age 17 a student can request permission to attend adult education if they are a parent (was only a student who was a mother)*

Item 4. Review revise Policy 6159 Instruction, Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program

Motion: To approve the revisions to Policy 6159; Instruction, Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program as presented and send it to the full Board for their review

Moved: Carol Burgess
Seconded: Tina Grove
Vote: Carried 4-0

Superintendent Pallin - Reflects the change in age through which the district is required to provide transition services to special education students to state the end of the school year during which the student reaches 22 (changed from the date on which the student turns 22).

Item 5: Review MOU with Montville Police Department and related required form

Superintendent Pallin - MOU must be posted on district website and school websites where SROs are posted

MOU must include reference to role of SRO in restraint (will not restrain students unless there is life-threatening situation and no restraint-trained district personnel are available), use of firearms, school-based arrests, and reporting of investigations and behavioral interventions that include violence or constitute a crime. We will bring a draft MOU to Policy next month and have attached the form which we need to begin to use immediately (once it has been approved by the Police).

Item 6: Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Moved: Tina Grove
Seconded: Carol Burgess
Vote: Carried 4-0

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 P.M.