

Wellsboro Area School District - Board of Education

Policies and Procedures Meeting (8-30-22)

Meeting Minutes

1. Policy #233 - Suspension/Expulsion

a. Discussion led by Mrs. Huck to change the language to include that on day 4 of a suspension, the student will have the opportunity for an informal hearing with the superintendent.

2. Policy #218 - Student Discipline

. Discussion led by Mrs. Huck to change the language in section 218.1 to include relevant points on discretion related to hunting

3. Title One Policy

Discussion led by Mrs. Coots noted that this policy requires an update to ensure compliance for monitoring. This is a required update as discussed in the February meeting, to include a general clean up in language, elimination of redundancy and create and increase in parental and family involvement.

4. Electronic Devices

Discussion led by Mrs. Huck. The current policy, approved in 2020, is obsolete for a one to one technology district. Mrs. Huck has presented a draft of an updated policy that would address our current issues.

a. There is considerable concern about the Wi-Fi capability at the high school which has resulted in students using cellular devices for instructional needs. Mrs. Huck will look into this to update access.

b. In order to update the presented policy for potential approval for the Wellsboro Area School District, a poll of Board of Education members was taken for guidance. In favor of cell phone usage during free time and instructional time per teacher's approval were Mr. Bieber and Mr. Nowak, in favor of use during instructional periods but not free time (ie lunch) were Mr. Gastrock, Mr. Stocks, and Mrs. Doughtie, in favor of zero cell phone usage was Mrs. West

5. Student Expression

Mr. Nowak had requested discussion on posters in the school. This was mistakenly perceived to be related to student placement rather than teacher placement. Discussion ensued on making sure that all students feel welcome in all classrooms.

6. Dress Code

Mr. Nowak had requested discussion on the dress code to ensure that it is consistent for each building. After review by Mrs. Huck, it was determined that the language is consistent in each school's policy. Administrator's noted that a common theme is midriff showing in girl's shirts, which is addressed in the dress code.

7. Clubs

Mr. Nowak had requested discussion on the formation and approval of clubs. Discussion ensued that discussed the legal aspect of club formation and what components the board has approval over (finances).

8. P&P Format

Discussion on the procedures most effective to allow for the review of policies with simple wording changes. It was noted that these can be brought before the board as a whole and P&P would be for discussion of larger scale changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Charles, Chair