

Seymour Board of Education  
**Policy Committee Meeting**  
Minutes  
September 24, 2009  
7:00 p.m.  
Central Office

**Those in attendance:** Jeanne Loda, Judy Flood, Rose Marie Yitts, Bruce Baker,  
MaryAnne Mascolo and Lt. Paul Satkowski

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

**MOTION:** (Mrs. Flood/Mrs. Yitts) to move item # 2 to item # 1

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mrs. Flood, Mrs. Loda, Mrs. Yitts

Ms. Mascolo introduced Lt. Paul J. Satkowski from the Seymour Police Department. The committee was interested in his opinion and that of the Chief regarding the proposed Sniffer Dog Policy. Lt. Satkowski felt that the policy was appropriate.

The administration and committee acknowledged that there are drugs at Seymour High School just as there are at any other high school in America and with the recent expulsions regarding illegal substances; the proposal of this policy is timely. The committee's intention is to be preventative and to send a strong message that drugs do not belong in school.

**MOTION:** (Mrs. Flood/Mrs. Yitts) to approve Policy # 5145.122(α) – Use of Trained Sniffer Dogs to Detect Odor of Illegal Drugs and Other Illegal Substances on School Property.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mrs. Flood, Mrs. Loda, Mrs. Yitts

Policy 0521(α) was a simple update. The specific name of the Assistant Superintendent was removed and replaced with the Title of Associate Superintendent.

**MOTION:** (Flood/Yitts) to approve Policy #0521(α) Mission-Goals-Objectives/  
Nondiscrimination.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mrs. Flood, Mrs. Loda, Mrs. Yitts

The committee discussed Policy #0521.2-Commitment to Religious Neutrality. This policy was not in the Policy manual but was a policy that CAFE suggested that be added.

**MOTION:** (Mrs. Flood/Mrs. Yitts) to approve Policy #0521.2 – Commitment to Religious Neutrality.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mrs. Flood, Mrs. Loda, Mrs. Yitts

Ms. Mascolo reported that all changes and updates to State Statutes have been made per Joan Rinkewith's recommendation. Ms. Mascolo would like Joan to review the corrections and updates one more time before she submits the policy. Ms. Mascolo asked the committee to approve the policy pending Joan Rinkewith's review.

**MOTION:** (Mrs. Flood/Mrs. Yitts) to approve Policy #5141(a) pending Joan Rinkewith's review of the made corrections and updates.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mrs. Flood, Mrs. Loda, Mrs. Yitts

**MOTION:** (Mrs. Flood/Mrs. Yitts) to adjourn the meeting

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mrs. Flood, Mrs. Loda, Mrs. Yitts

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Submitted by:  
MaryAnne Mascolo