

Committee Members
John F. Monfredo, Chairman
Dianna Biancheria, Vice-chairman
John Foley

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A C T I O N S

The Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues met at 8:10 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2014 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

There were present: Ms. Biancheria, Mr. Foley and Chairman Monfredo

Representing Administration: Ms. Boulais, Dr. Rodrigues and Dr. Friel

Others in attendance: W. Foley, L. Houlihan and R. Pezzella

gb #5-291 - Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Foley (October 19, 2015)

Request that the School Committee review the policy on cell phones and gather information from all secondary principals.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the following to be included in the Policies Handbook:

Rule 13. – Cell Phones, Electronic Devices, and Laser Pointing Devices

A student shall not use a cell phone or any type of electronic device which may potentially be deemed disruptive on school premises or at a school sponsored event without expressed permission of appropriate school personnel. Electronic devices are defined as anything suitable for communicating (oral or written) or recording (voice or image). Students are not permitted to have their cell phones or electronic devices powered while in school.

Inappropriate or illegal use of such devices may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, out-of-school suspension time. The School Administration reserves the right to confiscate cellular phones or other electronic devices when a student is potentially violating the code of conduct.

A student shall not possess a laser pointing device of any type on school premises or at a school sponsored event, unless such device is distributed by a teacher or its use is authorized by a teacher in connection with school work. Use of a laser pointing device against the face, eyes, or head of another individual may be considered a weapon for disciplinary purposes including, but not limited to, the possibility of long-term suspension.

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It was also moved and voice voted to approve the following Enforcement and Penalties Procedures to be forwarded to all principals:

Enforcement and Penalties:

Each school will designate staff to monitor student violations of the cell phone policy.

School Administration reserves the right to confiscate cell phones during the course of a potential violation of the code of conduct.

Penalties for students found in violation of the policy will be as follows:

- First offense: Student's cell phone will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the school day.
- Second and subsequent offenses: Students cell phone will be confiscated and returned only to the student's parent or guardian.
- Student committing repeated violations of this policy may be subject to additional disciplinary action, consistent with the Worcester Public Schools Code of Conduct up to and including suspension from school.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that Rule 13. – Cell Phones, Electronic Devices and Laser Pointing Devices be reviewed in January for possible amendments, if needed.

Request that the Principals review Rule 13. – Cell Phones, Electronic Devices and Laser Pointing Devices with students and parents during the first week of school and include it in their newsletters.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Helen A. Friel, Ed.D.
Clerk of the School Committee