

# Seymour Board of Education



## POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES (Combined Meeting)

May 10, 2016  
Seymour High School  
Classroom #107  
7:00 p.m.

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DATE: 5/16/16  
TIME: 11:50 AM  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Jim Garofolo, Policy Committee  
Jay Hatfield, Policy Committee  
Jennifer Magri, Policy Committee  
Yashu Putorti, BOE Chairman

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Peter Kubik, Athletic Committee  
Ed Strumello, Athletic Committee  
Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent  
Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent  
James Freund, SHS Principal  
Tara Yusko, Athletic Director/SHS Assistant Principal  
Cathy Federowicz, SHS Coach  
Jeff Gilbert, SHS Coach  
Tom Lennon, SHS Coach  
Pat Boyle, Board Clerk

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Magri called the Policy Committee to order at 7:02 p.m.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**III. DISCUSSION**

**A. Policy Discussion and Possible Action**

**1. 6145.211 Students-Interscholastic/Intramural Athletics**

Mr. Strumello read both the current and revised versions of Policy 6145.211. He stated he had done research on the other towns in our conference in regard to their policy of playing on Sundays and holidays. Ms. Yusko had done similar research (see attached handout). Overwhelming evidence suggests that other towns have no policy in place addressing either playing games or having practices on holidays. The other towns left such decisions up to the discretion of their Athletic Director and Administration. Mr. Lennon felt that due to the regulations by the CIAC limiting the amount of contact a player can have preceding the football season, that not being allow to practice on Labor Day could impact player safety. He also felt that with games being rained or snowed out it was beneficial having the flexibility to practice or have a game on a holiday. Mr. Lennon also stated the coaches at Seymour did a good job and took family time into consideration when scheduling practices and games. Mrs. Magri wanted it noted that the Policy Committee only looked into this policy as it was brought to their attention for clarification. She wanted to know if we should look at changing the policy or just eliminating it in its entirety. Mr. Strumello said the CIAC has a policy in place stating that student athletics may only have physical activity 6 out of 7 days which should be adequate. Mr. Garofolo asked about any issues with religious observances. Mr. Lennon said he never penalizes an athletic for attending church. Ms. Yusko stated that the coaches' take student schedules into account when scheduling. Mrs. Magri said she felt we should empower our staff to manage this issue. Mr. Putorti felt it should be left to the Athletic Director and to the Administration. Both committees were in agreement that Policy 6145.211 should be eliminated.

**MOTION:** (Mr. Hatfield /sec., Mr. Garofolo) the Policy Committee is recommending to the full Board the elimination of Policy 6145.211.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Garofolo, Mrs. Magri, Mr. Putorti

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Garofolo) to adjourn the Policy Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Garofolo, Mrs. Magri, Mr. Putorti

Submitted by:  
Pat Boyle