

SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY - MARCH 31, 2021  
MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

**Vision Statement**

**We enable all Sherman Students to become the best possible version of themselves. We provide an environment where our children develop into empathetic, self-directed, critical thinkers who don't give up when faced with challenges.**

A Policy Committee meeting of the Sherman Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Seeger at 10:30 AM on March 31, 2021 via Zoom.

**1. PRESENT:**

For the Board: Mrs. Seeger, Mrs. Diotte, Mrs. Lenihan and Mr. Neunzig  
Administration: Dr. Melendez, Mr. Dudics and Mrs. Snowden  
Staff: Dr. Badger, Ms. DePuy, Ms. Ficca, Mrs. Vermilyea and Mrs. Winkler  
Public: 4 Members

**2. DISCUSSED:**

**Policy 6111- School Calendar** (regarding the portion on graduation gown color)

**This portion of the meeting was recorded at the request of the Chair, Susan Seeger.**

Sherman School Specialists Dr. B. Badger, Sherman School Psychologist and Ms. Ficca, School Guidance Counselor, were present and shared a presentation that was given to the 8th graders on March 25, 2021, and Ms. Vermilyea, Speech Therapist, was present and shared her thoughts why she supports such a change. A discussion regarding the students' understanding of the recommendation to change the present practice of two colors to one color was had. The committee had the opportunity to ask the specialists questions. A few members (parents) of the public asked questions and shared their opinion, overall not in favor of the change. The committee was thankful for the discussion and believes all its questions were answered, and looks forward to the entire Board hearing the presentation firsthand at the next regular BOE meeting on April 7, 2021, when this policy is up for its second reading.

**Policy 9321 Form- Time, Place and Notification of Meetings:**

The committee reviewed a template that is to accompany the policy. Mrs. Winkler, Sherman Board Clerk, reviewed the template and gave input into its use. The committee discussed its use: the chair of a committee will be responsible for filling out a portion of the form, which will be accessible online, and forward to the clerk for the transcribing of the recorded committee minutes. The committee will share this template with the Board at its next meeting for further discussion.

**Policy 9160 Student Board of Education Representative:**

This policy was briefly discussed and will need further discussion, therefore tabled for a future meeting.

**Policy 9330 form-Board/School District Records:**

The committee reviewed the FOIA request form presented by Carrie DuPrey, Director of Finance and Operations, this form will accompany the policy. The form follows along the same lines as the Sherman Town form-for consistency purposes.

**Policy 5145 Regulation-Civil and Legal Rights and Responsibilities:**

David Dudics, Director of Special Education, shared a draft regulation for policy 5145, there is not one presently. The CABA audit report recommended having a regulation in place, this regulation will follow the corresponding Board Policy.

**3. ADJOURNED**

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Seeger  
Chair, Policy Committee  
Sherman Board of Education