

West Hartford Public School District

Agenda Item: Motion by Bruce Putterman and Terry Schmitt to Approve Reviewed Bylaw 8130

Meeting Date: May 6, 2014

From: Bruce Putterman and Terry Schmitt

Through: Karen L. List, Superintendent of Schools

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education approve the following bylaw which was reviewed by the Board Policy Subcommittee:

8130 Number of Members: Terms of Office

Note: Words in *(italics)* within parentheses are being removed from the current bylaw and words in **Bold** are being added to the current bylaw.

Background:

The Board is in the process of reviewing and revising, where appropriate, all of its policies and bylaws. Board Policy Books are divided into 8 sections or series: 1000s Community Relations, 2000s Administration, 3000s Business, 4000s Personnel, 5000s Students, 6000s Instruction, 7000s Board Operations, 8000s Bylaws.

The Board has appointed a sub-committee comprised of Bruce Putterman, and Terry Schmitt to meet regularly with Kimberly Boneham, Assistant Corporation Counsel, and Tom Moore, Assistant Superintendent for Administration. The Policy Subcommittee has spent many hours considering its own recommendations, input from Corporation Counsel and the administration, and reviewing certain policies and bylaws from other districts.

As reviewed and revised policies and bylaws are approved by the full Board, they are put on the West Hartford Public Schools website.

Bruce Putterman, Terry Schmitt, Tom Moore, and Kimberly Boneham will be available to answer any questions.

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WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BYLAW 8130

Bylaws of the Board

Number of Members; Terms of Office

Number of Members

The Board of Education shall consist of seven members.

Terms of Office

The term of office of a school board member shall be four years (Charter of the Town of West Hartford, Chapter II, Section 4)

(Members shall take office on the 2nd Tuesday after election. (Charter of the Town of West Hartford, Chapter II, Section 2). At the election held in 1971, and quadrennially thereafter, three members shall be elected to the board of education, and at the election held in 1973, and quadrennially thereafter, four members shall be elected to the board of education.)

Members take office on the 2nd Tuesday after they have been elected to office. Terms are staggered such that four members are elected in the municipal election that takes place the year AFTER a Presidential election, and three members are elected in the municipal election that takes place the year BEFORE a Presidential election year.

Legal Reference: Charter of the Town of West Hartford, Chapter II, Section 2

Adopted: October 5, 1987

Reviewed: May 6, 2014