

**EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DRESS CODE COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 3, 2018

Carl T. Secor Administration Building – Board Conference Room

3:30 p.m.

Minutes

- I. The Chairperson, Debbie Kulick, called the Dress Code Committee meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Board Committee members present were: George Andrews, Keith Karkut, Debbie Kulick and Rich Schlameuss (joined several minutes into the meeting).

School Personnel Present: Joanne Bohrman., Heather Gress and Michelle Krajewski

Community Members Present: Karen Brinkmann, Kelly Foster-Sarni, Audry Garrett, Maria Hopkins, Danielle Rothweiler, Darryl Sabino, Lisa Zotti,

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION BY THE COMMITTEE:

Motion was made by George Andrews to approve the agenda for October 3, 2018. Motion was seconded by Keith Karkut and carried unanimously, 3-0.

IV. DISCUSSION

General Discussion for the meeting included:

Objective of Committee: To clarify policy and determine one dress policy to ease enforcement

Groups to be invited to participate and provide input: Administration, teachers, parents/PTO members, security staff, students

To accommodate input Rich Schlameuss will create a form that should be posted on the district website that will allow direct input.

Major question facing both parents and those responsible for enforcement: define jeggings and leggings. Can leggings become acceptable if the wearer has a top that comes to the top of the thighs, (this was considered an issue that needs immediate attention and a solution)?

Consideration of the ability to wear sweatpants/related wear.

Spirit wear with logos and words, i.e. band, soccer, etc.

A question of what policies other districts not in our area have implemented that provide a broader scope of acceptable dress?

Committee should address the merit/demerit process. Create a way to “erase/drop” any dress code related demerits. Also, look at the consequences and create a more “reasonable” consequences list. Suggested working within a specific time period to create removal of demerits, i.e. by marking period, etc.

Better communication of policy and related items and consequences. FAQs are not the best form of communication.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – LIMITED TO ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

VI. ADVISORY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

**VII. NEXT MEETING: October 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. (to accommodate those who may travel).
Until further notice meeting at least once a month at 7:00 p.m. on every 4th Monday.**

RECOMMENDATION BY THE COMMITTEE:

Motion was made by Rich Schlameuss adjourn. Motion was seconded by Keith Karkut and carried unanimously, 4-0.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Kulick,
Chairperson