

**BOE Policy Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM**  
**Municipal Building, BOE Conference Meeting Room**  
**3 Primrose St, Newtown, CT 06470**

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting was called to order at 9:23 a.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Dan Cruson, Lorrie Rodrigue, Suzanne D’Eramo, Sarah Connell, Mark Pompano

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**APPROVE MINUTES** Rebekah Harriman-Stites made a motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2021. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion and possible action:**

Item	Reports
<p><b>Policy 5145.12- Search and Seizure</b>            The committee requested that M. Pompano review this policy again before going to the BOE for approval. M. Pompano reviewed this policy and confirmed that everything was still Newtown’s current practice and in agreement with Newtown Police.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send this policy to the 5000 series queue for BOE approval.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.124 – Breathalyzer Testing</b>            The committee requested that M. Pompano review this policy again before going to the BOE for approval. M. Pompano reviewed this policy and also asked Newtown Police for their input. Everyone is in agreement that the policy still stands and is Newtown’s practice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send this policy to the 5000 series queue for BOE approval.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 4118.11 – Nondiscrimination</b>            S. D’Eramo reviewed this policy again and confirmed that it works with Newtown’s current student policies. S. D’Eramo requested that the committee edit Newtown’s current policy: Policy 0521 – Nondiscrimination to make sure the two align. The committee agreed and asked S. Connell to have them both go to the BOE together for approval.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send Policy 4118.11 and Policy 0521 to K. June for BOE approval.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 4118.112 – Sexual Harassment</b>            S. D’Eramo reviewed this policy and found that the student policy does not align with the personnel policy. S. D’Eramo is requesting that the committee adopt the new student Sexual Harassment policy (Policy 5145.5) along with Policy 4118.112. The</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send these policies to K. June for BOE review.</li> </ul>

<p>committee asked S. Connell to send all three policies (Policy 4118.112, Newtown’s current 5145.5 policy and possible new 5145.5 policy) to the Board for their review.</p>	
<p><b>Policy 4118.12 – Freedom of Speech</b> The committee agreed to use West Hartford’s sample policy and include language from Shipman and Goodwin’s Social Media policy. S. Connell will make the edits and bring back for final approval.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will edit this policy and bring back for approval.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 4118.51 – Social Media</b> The committee agreed to use West Hartford’s sample policy and include language from Shipman and Goodwin’s Social Media policy. S. Connell will make the edits and bring back for final approval.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will edit this policy and bring back for approval.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 4118.13 – Conflict of Interest</b> The committee agreed to use one of CABE’s sample policies. They agreed on two edits. They are as follows: The committee will remove “having a value of <b>twenty five dollars or more</b>” from the second sentence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send this policy to the 4000 series queue for BOE approval.</li> </ul>

**UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Rodrigue reported that there are no updated on next year’s guidelines but will let the committee know when she has more news. Also, she and M. Pompano reviewed Newtown’s current volunteer policy and there are some questions from parents. She is requesting that the committee review the policy again next meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT** Rebekah Harriman-Stites made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.