

**BOE Policy Committee Minutes
March 11, 2020, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Municipal Building, Conference Room 1
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470**

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

IN ATTENDENCE

Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Dan Cruson, Lorrie Rodrigue, Mark Pompano, Anne Uberti

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVE MINUTES Rebekah Harriman-Stites made a motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2019. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 5118 – Nonresident or Tuition Students M. Pompano and L. Rodrigue received input from Shipman & Goodwin regarding our requirements for residency. It was outdated and needed to be changed. The committee agreed that the following changes were necessary. The first paragraph will now read: <i>“Residency verification is required for all families who are entering the school district, as well as any family that moves to a new address in Newtown. All new students are required to register at the districted school they will be attending. In order to complete the registration and residency verification process, parents/guardians will need to provide documentation to demonstrate the child’s age and residence. Following registration, the school district will request additional information be provided by the parent/guardian after the registration process in order to permit the student’s attendance in school. The following documentation shall be submitted for purposes of registration in the school district:”</i> Another change is that the District will accept foreign birth certificates. The regulation now states : <i>“Evidence of the child’s age, which shall include a full size birth certificate or photocopy thereof; adoption records; previously verified school records; state-issued identification document; driver’s license; passport; green card; or visa.”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S. Connell will make the approved edits and post on the District website.
<p>Shipman and Goodwin advised that the committee remove 2. from our regulation. The committee agreed.</p>	
<p>Policy 3171.1 - Non Lapsing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee to review at an upcoming meeting.
<p>It was brought to D. Cruson’s attention that this policy was out of date. However, he CIP committee would be looking at this policy the next day so R. Harriman-Stites agreed that it is best to move the policy to an upcoming meeting. D. Cruson agreed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L. Rodrigue to discuss CABE’s Pandemic policy with Newtown’s Health Director, D. Culbert.
<p>Policy 5141.22 – Communicable / Infectious Diseases During this pandemic, L. Rodrigue requested that the Policy committee review the following policy and one from CABE regarding Pandemics. The committee agreed that it would be best for the Newtown Health Director to review the policy and give her input. L. Rodrigue responded that she would reach out to her and bring her findings back to the committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S. Connell will invite A. Uberti to an upcoming policy meeting to discuss.
<p>Policy 5145.6 – Student Grievance Procedures (Title IX) Due to short notice, A. Uberti requested more time to review this policy and bring her input back to the committee.</p>	

UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

At this time, Newtown is putting a plan in place for Virtual Online /Distant Learning. R. Harriman-Stites requested that we review Policy 6172.6. There were some concerns on how parents may interpret the language. L. Rodrigue assured R. Harriman-Stites that Shipman and Goodwin was called when this policy was being reviewed and they had no issues with the language.

A motion was made by Rebekah Harriman-Stites to postpone discussion/action on Policy 3171.1 - Non Lapsing Policy 5141.22 – Communicable / Infectious Diseases, Policy 5145.6 – Student Grievance Procedures (Title IX). Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

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 9:30 a.m.