

BOE Policy Committee Minutes
Wednesday, October 13, 9:15 AM – 10:00 AM
Municipal Building, BOE Conference Meeting Room
3 Primrose St, Newtown, CT 06470

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Dan Cruson, Lorrie Rodrigue, Suzanne D’Eramo, Sarah Connell, (1 public)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVE MINUTES Rebekah Harriman-Stites made a motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2021. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 4118.239/4218.239 – Required Covid-19 Vaccinations R. Harriman asked the committee to look over this policy together and make any necessary edits. While making edits, S. D’Eramo reminded the committee that Shipman and Goodwin has an updated policy that references the current Executive Order. R. Harriman agreed that the committee should look at the most updated policy. S. Connell and S. D’Eramo will get the new policy and make any recommended edits before the next policy meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. D’Eramo will review the most updated policy from Shipman and Goodwin and bring her recommendations to the next policy meeting.
<p>Policy 6162.51 – Surveys of Students/Student Privacy The committee agreed to use Shipman and Goodwin’s student privacy policy. S. Connell will reach out to Shipman regarding the correct numbering and change the format to mirror Newtown’s policy format. The committee also asked to see the forms which are written consent for surveys and written consent for certain activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will bring CABE’s policy regarding Student Privacy for the committee to review.
<p>Policy 5145.12- Search and Seizure After a final review, the committee agreed to send this policy to the BOE for approval.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will send the final edited version to K. June for BOE approval.
<p>Policy 5145.124 – Breathalyzer After a final review, the committee agreed to send this policy to the BOE for approval.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will send the final edited version to K. June for BOE approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
Policy 4118.21 – Academic Freedom The committee will review this new policy at an upcoming policy meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S. D’Eramo will review this policy and send any recommended edits to S. Connell before the next policy meeting.
Policy 4118.211 – Retaliation and Whistle - Blowing The committee will review this new policy at an upcoming policy meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S. D’Eramo will review this policy and send any recommended edits to S. Connell before the next policy meeting.
Policy 4118.121 – Display of Religious Symbols and Decorations The committee will review this new policy at an upcoming policy meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S. D’Eramo will review this policy and send any recommended edits to S. Connell before the next policy meeting.
Policy 4118.22 – Code of Ethics The committee will review this new policy at an upcoming policy meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S. D’Eramo will review this policy and send any recommended edits to S. Connell before the next policy meeting.
Policy 4118.23 – Conduct of Dress The committee will review this updated policy at an upcoming policy meeting. S. Connell will include Newtown’s current policy (4-601) for the committee to review.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S. D’Eramo will review this policy and send any recommended edits to S. Connell before the next policy meeting.

UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

L. Rodrigue brought up the conversation about volunteers and if Newtown needs to track their vaccination status. This was talked about while discussing Policy 4118.239 – Required Covid-19 Vaccinations. She will reach out to Shipman and Goodwin after we receive the updated policy and ask for their input.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None

A motion was made by R. Harriman-Stites to move Policy 5145.124 – Breathalyzer and Policy 5145.12 - Search and Seizure forward to the Board of Education for review at the Board of Education meeting to be held on October 19, 2021. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by R. Harriman-Stites to postpone discussion/action on Policy 4118.239/4218.239 – Required Covid-19 Vaccinations, Policy 6162.51 – Surveys of Students/Student Privacy, Policy 4118.21 – Academic Freedom, Policy 4118.211 – Retaliation and Whistle –Blowing, Policy 4118.121 – Display of Religious Symbols and Decorations, Policy 4118.22 – Code of Ethics, and Policy 4118.23 – Conduct of Dress. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT Rebekah Harriman-Stites made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.