

**BOE Policy Committee Agenda**  
**March 7, 2018, 8:00 am – 9:30 am**  
**Municipal Building, Shared Meeting Room One**  
**3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**APPROVE MINUTES** of February 21, 2018

**UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p><b>Policy 6172.4 – Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Title I Students</b> – This policy will be reviewed again at an upcoming committee meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J. McEvoy will invite D. Petersen to attend an upcoming committee meeting to give her recommendations and continue the discussion on this policy.</li> </ul>

**UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p><b>Policy 5123.2 – Summer Work or Credit</b> – This policy to be brought back to an upcoming meeting for further discussion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L. Rodrigue would like to add a virtual piece to this policy. J. McEvoy will invite Elissa Gellis to attend this policy committee meeting and discussion to continue on the current summer school policy that she shared with the committee.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5123.3 – Graduation Ceremonies</b> – J. McEvoy will make agreed upon edits and discussion on this policy to continue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L. Rodrigue to check to see if we are legally allowed to hold diplomas if school properties aren't returned and/or outstanding fees aren't paid. This policy is to be brought back to the next committee meeting for further review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5122.3 – Assignment of Former Home-Schooled Students to Classes</b> – Policy with agreed upon edits, and suggested regulation edits from L. Rodrigue, to be brought back for review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L. Rodrigue to review Policy 6146 – Graduation Requirements, as well as Policy 6172.6 – Distance Education/Virtual-Online Courses, in reference to the issue on Page R5122.3(b) where it states, “In order to graduate from the District’s high school the student must be enrolled in the District his/her twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) grade. (<i>alternate: eleventh and twelfth grade.</i>)”</li> <li>• It was decided that this edited policy, as well as L. Rodrigue’s suggested regulation edits, be brought back to an upcoming policy meeting for further discussion.</li> </ul>

## UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<b>Policy 5123 – Promotion/Acceleration/Retention -</b> (replacing NPS Current Policy 7-105) – J. McEvoy will make agreed upon edits and discussion on this policy to continue.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• L. Rodrigue to work on this policy and regulation. R. Harriman-Stites stated that she wasn't sure if a regulation was needed but does like Old Saybrook's chart in their regulation.</li><li>• She also suggested that L. Rodrigue look at the NPS current Policy 7-105.1 – Retention Procedures - for possibilities for the regulation. This policy and regulation will be brought back to an upcoming policy meeting for further discussion.</li></ul>
<b>Policy 5124.1 – District/School Report Cards –</b> J. Evans Davila will return to an upcoming policy meeting to discuss this updated CAFE policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• J. McEvoy forwarded this updated CAFE policy, which now includes the ESSA legislation, to committee members for review. J. Evans Davila will return to an upcoming committee meeting to discuss.'</li></ul>
<b>Policy 5124.2 – Release of Report Cards –</b> The committee members decided that this policy was not needed. However there is follow-up information that needs to be addressed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• J. McEvoy to provide Connecticut State statute, forwarded by C. Amodeo, that addresses schools in Connecticut being allowed to withhold report cards, etc., if fees are not paid or books not returned. This is for the committee members' use and information, as well as for the Principals.</li><li>• Does any of the other information in this policy need to be shared with the Principals, say, for their handbooks?</li></ul>
<b>Newtown Service Dogs Proposal (P6163.32) –</b> Discussion on this proposed policy will continue at an upcoming policy meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• J. McEvoy to present Shipman &amp; Goodwin's policy in CAFE's standard format and bring back to the committee at an upcoming meeting for review.</li><li>• L. Rodrigue to consult further with P. Maher of Shipman &amp; Goodwin regarding the committee members' questions.</li></ul>

## UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

## ADJOURNMENT

Submitted: Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Policy Committee Chair