

BOE Policy Committee Agenda
April 25, 2018, 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Municipal Building, Shared Meeting Room One
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPROVE MINUTES of March 21, 2018

UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 5123.2 – Summer Work for Credit – This policy and regulation to be worked on by L. Rodrigue and E. Gellis. They are looking into a Virtual High School with online credit opportunities for students for courses that were failed previously. They will reference in Policy 6172.6 – Distance Education – Virtual/Online Courses. E. Gellis noted that the current summer school policy has been as follows: <i>Make up courses are for students who have taken a course and not completed it successfully. Students must have a grade of 55 or higher and/or an attendance record of 75% to enroll. Not all students will be eligible to attend. Credit will only be given to students who previously failed the course during the regular school year.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. McEvoy will invite Elissa Gellis to attend this policy committee meeting and discussion to continue on this policy and regulation. Once this Policy is approved by the Board of Education, it should also be spelled out in the NHS student handbook.
<p>Policy 5123 – Promotion/Acceleration/Retention - (replacing NPS Current Policy 7-105) – L. Rodrigue reviewed this policy, which included her recommended edits, with the administrators. They also reviewed the suggested regulation and our current Policy 7-105.1 – Retention Procedures. J. McEvoy will make agreed upon edits and discussion on this policy to continue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some policy edits were suggested and administrators were continuing their review of this policy and regulation. Discussion on this policy and regulation to continue at an upcoming committee meeting.
<p>Newtown Service Dogs Proposal (P6163.32) – L. Rodrigue is to draft a procedure for Service Animals that would provide a framework for administrators. She will draft an appropriate regulation that would include a District letter – one for students and one for staff members. It was decided that the Policy is good as revised by P. Maher of Shipman & Goodwin.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The regulation for this policy will be reviewed at an upcoming policy meeting. • Updates have come in from CAFE on this policy and committee members have been provided this information.

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Policy 6146 – Graduation Requirements – It was discovered that there was an omission on this policy and that it should state “1 credit” after “Area IX Senior Year Experience21” is listed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This policy needs to return to the policy committee for review as there was a typographical omission of “1 credit” after “Area IX Senior Year Experience21”.
Emergency “Incident Command” Policy Discussion It was discussed at a recent Security Committee meeting that Newtown Public Schools should have a policy regarding “Incident Command” structure for emergency situations and/or drills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• J. McEvoy to look for NPS Policies on this and ask CABE for any policies that they may have on this issue.• J. McEvoy also discussed with M. Pompano, Director of Security, and has a recommendation from him for the Policy Committee to review. She will invite him to attend an upcoming policy committee meeting.
Policy 5125.11 – Health/Medical Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee to review
Policy 5131.1 – Bus Conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee to review
Policy 5131.3 – Student Driving/Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee to review
Policy 5131.5 – Vandalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee to review
Policy 5131.7 – Weapons and Dangerous Instruments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee to review
Policy 5131.8 – Off School Grounds Misconduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee to review
Policy 5131.81 – Use of Electronic Devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee to review
Policy 5131.91 – Hazing Prohibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee to review
Policy 5134 – Married/Pregnant Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee to review

UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted: Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Policy Committee Chair