

**BOE Policy Committee Agenda**  
**May 9, 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 April 25, 2018

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Reports</b>
<p><b>Policy 5123 – Promotion/Acceleration/Retention -</b> (replacing NPS Current Policy 7-105 and 7-105.1) – Administrators are to review the regulation, along with current NPS policy 7-105.1 – Retention Procedures - at their 5/11/18 meeting. Discussion on this policy and regulation will continue at an upcoming policy committee meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J. McEvoy made the approved edits on this policy.</li> <li>• Discussion on this policy and regulation to continue <i>after</i> administrators have reviewed the regulation, along with current NPS policy 7-105.1 – Retention Procedures – at their 5/11/18 meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Newtown Service Dogs Proposal (P6163.32) –</b> The committee still approves of the policy from Shipman &amp; Goodwin but did review the CABE update for this policy dated April 2018. They liked, and edited, CABE’s “A sample regulation to consider”. Also the committee needs to review the initial proposed regulation chart that was included with the Shipman &amp; Goodwin policy. Discussion to continue on this policy and regulation at an upcoming policy committee meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J. McEvoy made the approved edits on this regulation.</li> <li>• L. Rodrigue to write up an introduction, for Page R6163.32(f), to the letters provided by Shipman &amp; Goodwin (for staff and for parents) with the subject line, “Presence of Dogs in Schools”.</li> <li>• L. Rodrigue to submit the CABE form 6163.32 to Shipman &amp; Goodwin for their review of the form and language.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5142 – Student Safety</b>            Committee members liked M. Pompano’s proposed draft policy and added the second two paragraphs into this one from CABE. Discussion to continue at an upcoming policy committee meeting on this policy and regulation, and how current NPS emergency policies should be presented. J. McEvoy checked with CABE regarding legal references and was told that the policy was revised as of 2013. We can request a review if we wish but they said that it’s usually kept current and updated when needed. Many of the policies that are cross-referenced, however, are ones we do not have yet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J. McEvoy made the approved edits on this policy.</li> <li>• L. Rodrigue to add a #16 on Page P5142(b) to address Technology and Alpine.</li> <li>• M. Pompano and L. Rodrigue will edit the regulation.</li> <li>• They will check with Shipman &amp; Goodwin regarding our current NPS Emergency policies and see if they can be added to a section in CABE’s regulation.</li> <li>• J. McEvoy will invite M. Pompano to attend at an upcoming policy meeting and discussion to continue on this policy and regulation.</li> </ul>

**OLD BUSINESS (Continued)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Reports</b>
<b>Policy 5131.7 – Weapons and Dangerous Instruments</b> The committee felt that this policy had been addressed and, indeed, J. McEvoy found that it had been reviewed, edited and approved by the policy committee and was in the queue waiting for approval by the Board of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• J. McEvoy will provide the edited copy of Policy 5131.7 for the committee’s review. M. Pompano will be in attendance if there are any questions regarding this policy.</li></ul>
<b>Policy 5131.8 – Off School Grounds Misconduct</b> The committee feels that this is a very important policy and want to see how much of it is covered in current NPS Policy 511 – Suspension and Expulsion. Discussion will continue on this policy at an upcoming meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• J. McEvoy will invite M. Pompano to attend an upcoming policy committee meeting to discuss. She gave him the current NPS Policy 5114 – Suspension and Expulsion - to review in conjunction with this policy.</li></ul>
<b>Policy 5131.1 – Bus Conduct</b> Committee members liked CABA’s “Another version of this recommended policy” and wanted the administrators to review this policy and sample regulations at their next meeting. However J. McEvoy discovered that there was a policy under Transportation, Policy 3541, where there are Student Safety Rules listed under “Bus Safety” on Page R3541(b). Therefore after discussion with L. Rodrigue, it was decided to bring this policy, along with current NPS Policy 3541, back to the policy committee for further discussion at an upcoming meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• J. McEvoy will provide committee members with CABA’s “Another version of this recommended policy”, the regulations and current NPS Policy 3541 for their review. Discussion will continue on these policies and regulations at an upcoming policy committee meeting.</li></ul>
<b>Policy 5131.3 – Student Driving/Parking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee to review</li></ul>
<b>Policy 5131.81 – Use of Electronic Devices</b> The committee asked that J. McEvoy look for current NPS policies on this and discussion will then continue at an upcoming policy committee meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• J. McEvoy found one current NPS Policy 7-407 – Electronic Information Networks – and not much else. She had a discussion with C. Amodeo who asked to review these policies. J. McEvoy sent her CABA’s Policy 5131.81 – Use of Electronic Devices, Policy 5131. 82 – Restrictions on Publications and Written or Electronic Material, and the current NPS Policy.</li><li>• J. McEvoy invited C. Amodeo to attend an upcoming policy committee meeting and discussion will continue on these policies.</li></ul>
<b>Policy 5131.91 – Hazing Prohibition</b> It was felt that this policy might not be needed because it is covered in the Safe School Climate Policy and Appendix on Bullying and/or the Suspension Expulsion policy. However in reviewing those policies, it seemed as if there wasn’t a lot of information about it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• J. McEvoy will provide the committee members with the Safe School Climate Policy and Appendix on Bullying for review, and the Suspension/Expulsion policy was already provided. Discussion will then continue on this policy.</li></ul>

## **New Business**

<b>Policy 5141 – School District Medical Advisor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee to review</li></ul>
<b>Policy 5141.21 – Administering Medication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee to review</li></ul>
<b>Policy 5141.22 – Communicable/Infectious Disease</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee to review</li></ul>
<b>Policy 5141.213 – Opioid Overdose Prevention (Emergency Administration of Naloxone)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee to review</li></ul>
<b>Policy 5141.231/4118.234 – Psychotropic Drug Use</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee to review</li></ul>

## **UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted: Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Policy Committee Chair