

**April 3, 2019, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM**  
**Municipal Building, Shared Meeting Room One**  
**3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470**

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Dan Cruson, Lorrie Rodrigue

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**APPROVE MINUTES** R. Harriman-Stites made a motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2019. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

**UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Reports</b>
<p><b>Policy 5145.1 - Invasion of Privacy</b> C. Amodeo provided edits and recommendations for this policy. She made one edit on page P5145.1(a) under Student Surveys. The edits are as followed: In the first sentence that starts with The administration shall make....” C. Amodeo replaced the words “films, tapes” with “<u>videos, and audios</u>” The committee also made additional edits. Deleted the First Definition on page P5145.1(a), “Invasive physical examination”. They also agreed to delete “Non-Emergency Invasive Physical Examination and Screenings on page P5145.1(c).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• S. Connell to make approved edits and bring back for final review by the Committee.</li></ul>

<p><b>Policy 5145.124- Breathalyzer Testing</b>  The committee chose to work with Brookfield’s version of this policy. M. Pompano added in some edits and the committee unanimously agreed to move this policy forward.  The edits are as followed:  On page P5145.124(a), in the second paragraph, M. Pompano made it clear that “This device may be used to sample a student’s breath “<u>and/or beverage container</u>” in order to detect alcohol use.  In the third paragraph on P5145/124(a), M. Pompano added “Passive alcohol screen may be conducted all students entering a school sponsored event “<u>or with methodology-based representative sample of students entering a school sponsored event(e.g every 5<sup>th</sup> student, every 10<sup>th</sup> student, etc.)</u>”  The committee approved these edits but requested that S. Connell check the references to confirm the timing of each test is the same in each policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell to review the references and bring back to the Committee for final review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy – 5145.2 – Freedom of Speech/Expression (Activism and Dissent)</b>  S. Connell made the final edits to this policy and the committee agreed to move this forward for Board review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell to move this policy to the 5000 series queue.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.42 – Racial Harassment of Students</b>  L. Rodrigue will bring the two sample policies to the ATeam meeting for their input and review. Once they decided on an appropriate policy, S. Connell will request the current practice for Racial Harassment from S. Raquel to add as the Regulation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell to bring the edited version of this policy for the Committee to review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.43 – Human Dignity</b>  S. Connell to double check all references and add in more up to date references for this policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell to bring in her findings to committee</li> </ul>

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p><b>Policy 5145.5- Exploitation; Sexual Harassment</b>  S. Connell to reach out to CABA to see if it is acceptable to combine policy 5145.5, Policy 5145.51 and Policy 5145.52 all under “Harassment”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee to Review</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.51- Peer Sexual Harassment</b>  S. Connell to reach out to CABA to see if it is acceptable to combine policy 5145.5, Policy 5145.51 and Policy 5145.52 all under “Harassment”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee to Review</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.52 - Harassment</b>  S. Connell to reach out to CABA to see if it is acceptable to combine policy 5145.5, Policy 5145.51 and Policy 5145.52 all under “Harassment”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee to Review</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.6 – Student Grievance Procedure</b>  The committee requested that S. Raquel look over this required policy before making any edits.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell to invite S. Raquel to an upcoming meeting to discuss this policy.</li> </ul>

<b>Policy 5145.7- Due Process</b> No further action is required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No further action is required</li> </ul>
<b>Policy 5145.71 – Surrogate Parent Program</b> S. Connell to reach out to D. Peterson for her input regarding this policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell to invite D. Peterson to an upcoming meeting to discuss this policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Policy 5145.8 – Emancipation of Minors</b> R. Harriman-Stites requested that K. Longobucco look at this policy and bring her recommendation back to the committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell to invite K. Longobucco to an upcoming meeting to discuss this policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Policy 5151- Child Identification</b> No further action is required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No further action is required</li> </ul>
<b>Policy 5156 – Research Involving Students</b> No further action is required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No further action is required</li> </ul>

#### **UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

L. Rodrigue asked that for our policy “Dealing with a Death” that we add in some resources that children and adults can access if they are feeling like they need someone to talk with about their grief.

The committee agreed and thought it was a good idea to provide more information for students or parents.

#### **UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION POSTPONED TO A FUTURE MEETING**

A motion was made by R. Harriman-Stites to move Policy – 5145.2 – Freedom of Speech/Expression (Activism and Dissent) into the 5000 Series queue waiting for review by the Board of Education. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by R. Harriman-Stites to postpone discussion/action on Policy 5145.1 - Invasion of Privacy, Policy 5145.124- Breathalyzer Testing, Policy 5145.42 – Racial Harassment of Students, Policy 5145.43 – Human Dignity, Policy 5145.51- Peer Sexual Harassment, Policy 5145.52 – Harassment, Policy 5145.6 – Student Grievance Procedure, Policy 5145.71 – Surrogate Parent Program. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

<b>Policy 5145.1 - Invasion of Privacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be reviewed by committee as discussed</li> </ul>
<b>Policy 5145.124- Breathalyzer Testing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be reviewed by committee as discussed</li> </ul>
<b>Policy 5145.42 – Racial Harassment of Students</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be reviewed by committee as discussed</li> </ul>
<b>Policy 5145.43 – Human Dignity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be reviewed by committee as discussed</li> </ul>
<b>Policy 5145.51- Peer Sexual Harassment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be reviewed by committee as discussed</li> </ul>
<b>Policy 5145.52 - Harassment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be reviewed by committee as discussed</li> </ul>
<b>Policy 5145.6 – Student Grievance Procedure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be reviewed by committee as discussed</li> </ul>
<b>Policy 5145.71 – Surrogate Parent Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be reviewed by committee as discussed</li> </ul>

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted: Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Policy Committee Chair