

BOE Policy Committee Minutes
October 10, 2018, 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 9:02 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Dan Cruson, Lorrie Rodrigue, Carmella Amodeo (9:00 am – 9:30 am) Deborah Mailloux-Peterson (9:30-9:45am), Anne Dalton (9:45 am – 10:15 am)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVE MINUTES R. Harriman-Stites made a motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2018. D. Cruson seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 6141.321 – Computers: Responsible Computer, Network and Internet Use S. Connell made approved edits and policy committee agreed to move forward for review by the Board of Education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will send to K. June for review by the Board of Education at their October 16, 2018 meeting for their first read.
<p>Policy 5131.81 – Use of Electronic Devices and Policy 5131.82 – Restrictions on Publications and Written or Electronic Material – Committee approved edits from Policy 5131.81 and agreed to move forward to the Board for review.</p> <p>Policy 5131.82 – C. Amodeo made edits for committee review.</p> <p>On Page P5131.82(a), Add “discriminatory” to the sentence that starts with “<u>3. Is socially inappropriate...</u>” The sentence should read as follows: <i>“3. Is socially inappropriate or inappropriate due to the maturity level of the students, including, but not limited to, material that is discriminatory, obscene, pornographic, or pervasively lewd and vulgar, or contains indecent or vulgar language; or”</i></p> <p>On Page P5131.82(b), delete the paragraph that starts with “<u>Parental responsibility...</u>”</p> <p>Committee agreed to remove the Ethical and Responsible Use of Technology letter from this policy and have it stand alone on the district page.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will send to K. June for review by the Board of Education at their October 16, 2018 meeting for their first read. • L. Rodrigue and C. Amodeo to meet to discuss the Ethical and Responsible Use of Technology letter.

<p>Policy 3520.13 - Student Data Protection and Privacy/Cloud-Based Issues – Policy Committee to review updated policy from CABE.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will send to K. June for review by the Board of Education at their October 16, 2018 meeting for their first read.
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UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 5142.4 – School Resource Officer and Policy 1700 – Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property – R.Harriman-Stites tabled this policy until M. Pompano receives input from Chris at Shipman & Goodwin.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Pompano to discuss with Rich Mills. • S. Connell to invite
<p>Policy 5141 – School Health Services – Policy Committee Members to continue to review updated policy from CABE with A. Dalton’s edits.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to reach out to M. Memoli regarding time line for required physical exams for student athletes • S. Connell to invite A. Dalton to attend an upcoming policy meeting. Review and discussion on this updated policy will continue with her input.
<p>Policy 5141.21 – Administering Medication S. Connell made additional edits to this policy and sent it to A. Dalton for review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to invite A. Dalton to attend an upcoming policy meeting. Review and discussion on this edited policy will continue with her input.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 6153 – Field Trips – S. Connell to provide committee members with CABE’s current policies 6153 and regulations for consideration. Also will provide NPS Policy 8-405 – Field Trips- updated 11/10/98.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to invite A. Dalton to attend an upcoming policy meeting. Review and discussion on this policy will continue with her input.
<p>Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students and use of Exclusionary Time Outs – D. Peterson sent this mandated policy/regulation from Shipman and Goodwin to S. Connell to present to the committee for review.</p> <p>The committee has some concerns with the layout of this policy and what is indicated in the policy vs. regulation.</p> <p>R. Harriman-Stites is requesting to look at NPS current policy and CABES updated policy to compare.</p> <p>Committee agreed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to ask CABE for the updated policy 5144.1 – Use of Physical Force – Physical Restraint/Seclusion/Exclusionary Time Outs • S. Connell to invite D. Peterson to attend an upcoming policy meeting. Review and discussion on this mandated policy will continue with her input.

<p>Policy 6151 – Class Size L. Rodrigue requested to look into reducing class sizes for Kindergarten. As of today, NPS does not have a specific policy regarding class sizes. S. Connell reached out to CABE for sample policies and regulations for consideration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Committee to review sample policies and regulations from CABE: P6151 – Class Size.
<p>Series 5000 Queue – which five policies should go forward first to the BOE for approval and at which BOE meeting date?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to provide a list of policies currently in the 5000 series queue.

UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

A motion was made by R. Harriman-Stites to move Policy 6141.321 – Computers: Responsible Computer, Network and Internet Use, Policy 5131.81 – Use of Electronic Devices, Policy 5131.82 – Restrictions on Publications and Written or Electronic Material and Policy 3520.13 – Student Data Protection and Privacy/Cloud-Based Issues forward to the Board of Education for review at the Board of Education meeting to be held on October 16, 2018. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by R. Harriman-Stites to move Policy 5141 – School Health Services and Policy 5141.21 – Administering Medication 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 5142.4 – School Resource Officer and Policy 1700 – Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property, Policy 6153 – Field Trips, Policy 6151 – Class Size and Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students and use of Exclusionary Time Outs. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

<p>Policy 6153 – Field Trips</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
<p>Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students and use of Exclusionary Time Outs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
<p>Policy 6151 – Class Size</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed

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<p>School Security Officer Manual – Newtown Public Schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
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A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by R. Harriman-Stites and seconded by D. Cruson. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted: Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Policy Committee Chair