

**BOE Policy Committee Minutes
Wednesday, May 27, 2020
Virtual Meeting 8:30 A.M.**

In consideration of public health, open meetings and the Governor’s Executive Order No. 7B dated March 10, 2020 regarding PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID- 19 PANDEMIC AND RESPONSE - FURTHER SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION OF STATUTES; this meeting will include an option for the public to phone in to listen to the audio of the meeting. Please note that public comment will be received by phone at the beginning and end of this meeting.

Joining Info: Join by phone

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None

APPROVE MINUTES Rebekah Harriman-Stites made a motion to approve the minutes April 29, 2020. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 3171.1 – Non Lapsing The questions brought forward to the committee by the Board have been answered and no additional edits will be made.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● S. Connell will send this policy back to K. June for final Board review.
<p>Policy 6114.8 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness (Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies) L. Rodrigue informed the committee that D. Culbert did not have any availability to review this policy and asked to move it to an upcoming meeting. R. Harriman-Stites agreed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● S. Connell will send this policy to D.Culbert for her review and recommendations
<p>Policy 4000.1 – Title X The committee and S. D’Eramo had some conversations about the language used in this policy and how to describe “promptness”. S.D’Eramo will review this policy again with help from A. Uberti and bring it back to the committee at the next policy meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● S. Connell will invite S.D’Eramo to this virtual meeting to discuss this policy.
<p>Policy 4100 – Certified Personnel Language needs to be added regarding new positions that will not have any budgetary implications. L. Rodrigue mentioned that she would be creating an additional sentence to cover this.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● S. Connell will add this policy to the 4000 series queue for Board review.

<p>Policy 5145.5 - Sexual Harassment A.Uberti presented her edited policy to the committee. The committee had no edits. R. Harriman-Stites requested that this policy go to the Board with the other “Harassment” policies. The committee agreed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● S. Connell will send this policy to the 5000 series queue for an upcoming BOE meeting.
<p>Policy 5145.6 – Student Grievance Procedure (Title IX) A.Uberti requested for some more time to review this required policy. It was mentioned that a lot of the information in this policy is outlined in Policy 5145.5. R. Harriman-Stites answered that it is required to have a stand-alone policy on this topic.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● S. Connell will invite A. Uberti to this virtual meeting to discuss this policy

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 3160 – Budget Procedures and Line Item Transfers To mirror Policy 3171.1, the committee will make the follow edit on page 3160(b) <u>“Each year, before August 31 st , the Newtown Public Schools Director of Business will recommend to the Board to deposit into a non-lapsing account any unexpended funds from the Board’s prior fiscal year general operating budget, provided such amount does not exceed the percentage of the total budgeted appropriation for education for such prior fiscal year as referenced in C.G.S. 10-248a.”</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● S. Connell will send this policy to K. June for Board review.
<p>Policy 4111 – Recruitment and Selection Newtown reviewed this required policy in 2017. S. D’Eramo will review to determine if there are any necessary changes that need to be made. The committee agreed that Newtown’s current version is sufficient and no other edits need to be made.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No further action is required.
<p>Policy 4111.1 – Equal Employment Opportunity This is a required policy. Newtown has a current policy – Policy 4-703. S. D’Eramo suggested that we look at this policy and 4111.3 to combine. The committee agreed and asked S. D’Eramo to review the two policies and send an edited version to S. Connell.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● S. Connell will invite S.D’Eramo to this virtual meeting to discuss this policy.

Policy 4111.3 – Minority Requirements

S. D’Eramo suggested that we look at this policy and 4111.1 to combine. The committee agreed and asked S. D’Eramo to review the two policies and send an edited version to S. Connell.

- S. Connell will invite S.D’Eramo to this virtual meeting to discuss this policy.

UPDATE FROM**THE SUPERINTENDENT**

A motion was made by Rebekah Harriman-Stites to postpone discussion/action on Policy 3171.1 – Non Lapsing, Policy 6114.8 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness (Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies), Policy 4000.1 – Title IX, Policy 5145.6 – Student Grievance Procedure (Title IX), Policy 4111.1 – Equal Employment Opportunity, Policy 4111.3 – Minority Requirements. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Rebekah Harriman-Stites to send Policy 3171.1 - Non Lapsing and Policy 3160 -Budget Procedures and Line Item Transfers to the Board for review. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Rebekah Harriman-Stites to send Policy 4100 - Certified Personnel to the 4000 series queue. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None

ADJOURNMENT