

**BOE Policy Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM**  
**Municipal Building, BOE Conference Meeting Room**  
**3 Primrose St, Newtown, CT 06470**

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting was called to order at 9:16 a.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Dan Cruson, Lorrie Rodrigue, Suzanne D’Eramo, Sarah Connell,

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**APPROVE MINUTES** Rebekah Harriman-Stites made a motion to approve the minutes of May 26, 2021. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion and possible action:**

Item	Reports
<p><b>Policy 4118.112 – Sexual Harassment</b>            The committee will review a BOE member’s questions regarding this policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send back to K. June for BOE approval</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.5 – Sexual Harassment / Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972 – Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment</b>            The committee agreed that this policy, along with Policy 4118.112 needs to stand alone because it is heavily legislated. S. D’Eramo brought Policy 5145.6 back to the committee to discuss rescinding it. After discussion, the committee agreed with CABA’s recommendation to rescind because it is clearly outlined in Policy 5145.5. S. Connell will send Policy 5145.6 – Student Grievance Procedure to K. June for the BOE to rescind.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grievance Procedure to K. June for the BOE to rescind.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 4118.11 – Nondiscrimination</b>            The committee asked S. Connell to update the references to this policy and send to K. June</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell to send this policy back to K. June for BOE approval.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 4118.12 – Freedom of Speech</b>            The committee agreed that the newly edited version of this policy is acceptable. It was discussed that there needs to be an Administrative Regulation with disciplinary actions. L. Rodrigue asked S. Connell to reach out to Shipman &amp; Goodwin, CABA and other districts in the DRG for samples. The committee would like this policy to be approved by the BOE before next school year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will reach out to Shipman &amp; Goodwin, CABA and other districts for sample Administrative Regulations</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 3171.1 – Non-Lapsing Education Fund</b>            The committee asked S. Connell to replace “Board</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell to send this policy back to K. June for BOE approval.</li> </ul>

of Finance” with “fiscal authority” in this policy.	
<p><b>Policy 3160 – Budget Procedures and Line Item Transfers</b></p> <p>The committee asked S. Connell to replace “Board of Finance” with “fiscal authority” in this policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell to send this policy back to K. June for BOE approval.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 1212 – School Volunteers</b></p> <p>L. Rodrigue received some questions from the community regarding volunteers. The committee agreed that this policy needs to be updated, however, they agreed that it should be brought to the A-Team before the Policy committee edits this policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell to send to K. June for A-Team review.</li> </ul>

**UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT ADJOURNMENT** Rebekah Harriman-Stites made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.