

BOE Policy Committee Minutes
December 5, 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 9:03 a.m.

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 November 21, 2018. D. Cruson seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 5144.1– Use of Physical Force / Physical Restraint/Seclusion/Exclusionary Time Out – S. Connell made approved edits. Edits are as follows: On Page 5144.1 (d) , change letter (e.) to number 4. <u>4. Any latching or securing of the door, whether by mechanical means or by a provider or assistant holding the door in place to prevent the student from leaving the room, shall be able to be removed in the case of any emergency. The locking mechanism to be used shall be a device that shall be readily released by staff as soon as possible but in no case longer than within two minutes of the onset of an emergency and is connected to the fire alarm system so that the locking mechanism is released automatically when a fire alarm is sounded. An “emergency” for purposes of this subsection, includes but is not limited to the following:</u> <u>i. the need to provide direct and immediate medical attention the the student</u> <u>ii. fire;</u> <u>iii.the need to remove the student to a safe location during a building lockdown; or</u> <u>iv. other critical situions that may require immediate removal of the student from seculision to a safe location.</u></p> <p>S. Connell to remove all references to Policy 5144.2 S. Connell to add NPS current forms (provided by the State)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to make approved edits • S. Connell to move this policy to the 5000 series queue.

Policy 5144.2 – Use of Exclusionary Time Out Settings – Policy Committee and D. Peterson agreed that this policy is not necessary to include in the 5000 series.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action is required.
Policy 6171.3 - Special Education/ Placement of Special Education Students (Out-of-District)- Committee members agreed that this policy is necessary to include in the 6000 series.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action is required.

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
Policy 5142.4 – School Resource Officer and Policy 1700 – Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property – L. Rodrigue advised the policy committee that she and M. Pompano are scheduled to have a phone call with R. Mills to discuss this policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to invite M. Pompano to an upcoming meeting to discuss this policy.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Title IX Policies – S. Connell to reach out to CABE, Shipman & Goodwin for all policies that refer to Title IX. S. Connell will also print out our current NPS Policies referring to Title IX.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to send policies referring to Title IX to L. Rodrigue. These policies include NPS current policy: P5145.511. • L. Rodrigue to review policies for upcoming meeting.
Title VII Policies - S. Connell to reach out to CABE, Shipman & Goodwin for all policies that refer to Title VII. S. Connell will also print out our current NPS Policies referring to Title VII.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to send policies referring to Title VII to L. Rodrigue. These policies include NPS current policy: P4704-4. • L. Rodrigue to review policies for upcoming meeting
Board Bylaws – Code of Ethics Committee to review the Code of Ethics for the Board. There are two versions – one for the BOE and one for the Town.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to provide Code of Ethics (from BOE and Newtown)

UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

L. Rodrigue requested to have the committee look at the Graduation Requirements policy for next meeting. The number of credits to graduate changed from 24 to 25. The policy was revised in June 2018, however, it is believed that it still only states 24 credits.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A motion was made by R. Harriman-Stites to move Policy 5144.1- Use of Physical Force/ Physical Restrain/Seclusion/Exclusionary Time Out , Policy 6171.3 – Special Education/ Placement of Special Education Students (Out of District) - 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, Title IX Policies, Title VII Policies and the Board Bylaws. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

Title IX Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be reviewed by committee as discussed
Title VII Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be reviewed by committee as discussed
Board Bylaws	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be reviewed by committee as discussed

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

School Security Officer Manual – Newtown Public Schools	<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 10:07 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted: Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Policy Committee Chair