

BOE Policy Committee Minutes
Wednesday, June 23, 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 9:30 a.m.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVE MINUTES Rebekah Harriman-Stites made a motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2021. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 4118.112 – Sexual Harassment The committee reviewed the question from the BOE and made the decision to make no changes to this policy. Legal counsel agrees.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K. June will send this policy back to the BOE for final approval.
<p>Policy 5145.5 – Sexual Harassment / Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972 – Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment It was brought to the committee’s attention that the version of this policy was outdated. S. D’Eramo reached out to Shipman and Goodwin regarding the correct version and they sent back the correct policy. After review, the committee decided to include language from Newtown’s current policy. The language includes the definition of Sexual Discrimination and a paragraph regarding reporting assault or abuse with Newtown’s anonymous app.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will make the approved edits and send to K. June for BOE review.
<p>Policy 4118.11 – Nondiscrimination The BOE had no questions regarding this policy and therefore the committee made no changes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K. June will send this policy back to the BOE for final approval.
<p>Policy 3160 – Budget Procedures and Line Item Transfers T. Vadas joined the committee and discussed this policy. There were questions regarding “blurring the line” with negative accounts. T. Vadas spoke with the Town and was told that as long as the bottom line in the black then it is okay. The committee agreed to remove the first paragraph on page P3160(b) and add the following language</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will make the approved edits and send to K. June for BOE review.

<p>to page 3160(b): <i>No transfer between major object codes may be made without prior Board of Education approval. Notice of major object codes falling into a negative balance will be included in the monthly financial report.</i></p>	
<p>Policy 4118.12 – Freedom of Speech L. Rodrigue will work with Administrators on creating an Administrative Regulation for this policy and bring to the next policy meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will invite S. D’Eramo to this policy meeting

UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

L. Rodrigue is requesting that the committee look at all “COVID” related policies at our next meeting.

R. Harriman-Stites agreed. S. Connell will include them in the next agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT Rebekah Harriman-Stites made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Cruson

seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.