

****SPECIAL MEETING****
BOE Policy Committee Agenda
Friday, June 3, 2022, 1:00pm – 2:30 pm
Municipal Building, BOE Conference Room
3 Primrose St, Newtown, CT 06470

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

IN ATTENDANCE Dan Cruson, Deborra Zukowski, Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, Sarah Connell, Frank Purcaro, 2 public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None

APPROVE MINUTES Dan Cruson made a motion to approve the minutes of May 25, 2022. Deborra Zukowski seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 6141.51/6141.52 – Enrollment in an Advanced Course or Program and Challenging Curriculum</p> <p>The committee and F. Purcaro all agreed to keep these policies combined. D. Zukowski presented her recommendation for an introductory paragraph that would incorporate language from each policy.</p> <p><i><u>“The Newtown Board of Education (the “Board”) believes in the basic principle that academic rigor and the opportunity to accelerate learning are powerful motivators for students to meet intellectual challenges and excel in the an academic environment. Therefore, the Board endorses the goal to create foster a culture of deliberate excellence through its commitment to in which all students who have the capability, potential, or motivation to may access advanced academic curriculum and instruction. As a further part of that goal, the Board encourages students to pursue rigorous, challenging academic coursework such as, but not limited to, honors classes, dual enrollment, dual credit, advanced placement classes, International Baccalaureate courses, and the Cambridge International Program, as may be provided by the Newtown Public Schools (the “District”).</u></i></p> <p><i><u>To better realize such a goal, and in accordance with Connecticut law, this policy shall explain the manner in which the District determines eligibility for enrollment in</u></i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will send this policy to K. June for BOE first read.

<p><u><i>advanced courses or programs and creates academic plans for students in the District.”</i></u></p> <p>The committee agreed and thanked D. Zukowski for her work.</p> <p>On page (c), under Guiding Principles and Implementation, L. Rodrigue suggested adding the language “marginalized groups may be....” The committee agreed.</p>	
<p>Policy 6172.1 - Gifted and Talented Students</p> <p>S. Connell received additional clarification from Sherry Earle. S. Connell asked if parents should be included in the PPT process. S. Earle answered that they are not a part of this process and the term “PPT” is not defined the same as in Special education. S. Earle said that her department uses the term “Screening Team” to avoid any confusion with parents and suggests we change the language in the policy.</p> <p>The committee agreed that it would be confusing for parents and will reach out to legal regarding that change.</p> <p>D. Cruson would like Shipman to read over the policy to confirm that the language is legally correct.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● S. Connell will reach out to Shipman and Goodwin for their recommendations. ●

UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Rodrigue will be providing an update on the new guidelines for Remote Learning in her Sunday Highlights to the Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Vivian and James Koppelman, 12 Appleblossom Lane, spoke about their experiences with the Gifted and Talented programs from their time in school.

ADJOURNMENT Dan Cruson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Zukowski seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.