

BOE Policy Committee Minutes
Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 9:00 – 10:30 am
Municipal Building, BOE Conference Room
3 Primrose St, Newtown, CT 06470

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

IN ATTENDANCE Dan Cruson, Deborra Zukowski, Janet Kuzma, Chris Melillo, Suzanne D’Eramo, Sarah Connell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None

APPROVE MINUTES Dan Cruson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2023. Janet Kuzma seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 5114 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process S. Connell brought Shipman and Goodwin’s input back to the committee; however, there was still some confusion on what the committee was requesting. If a hearing officer is conducting the expulsion, the committee would like to be apprised of general information. S. Connell will schedule a call between the lawyer, herself and C. Melillo to discuss the District’s different options.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell and C. Melillo will reach out to Shipman and Goodwin to discuss the committee’s concerns.
<p>Policy 4132 – Publication or Creation of Materials The committee feels like it may be necessary to have this policy and to combine it with 4132.1 – Copyrights and Patents. S. D’Eramo will create a combined policy and ask Shipman and Goodwin to review and offer their input.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. D’Eramo will bring this policy back to the next policy meeting.
<p>Policy 4132.1 – Copyrights and Patents The committee feels like it may be necessary to have this policy and to combine it with 4132 – Publication or Creation of Materials. S. D’Eramo will create a combined policy and ask Shipman and Goodwin to review and offer their input.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. D’Eramo will bring this policy back to the next policy meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 4133 – Travel Reimbursement The committee did not feel this policy was necessary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action is required.

<p>Policy 4134 – Tutoring S. D’Eramo believes that this policy is necessary. Newtown currently has a policy on Tutoring and the Board will need to rescind that policy when adopting this new one. S. D’Eramo will make the small approved edits and bring it back to the committee for final review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will invite S. D’Eramo to the next policy meeting.
<p>Policy 4135 – Organizations/Units The committee did not feel this policy was necessary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action is required.
<p>Policy 4135.1 – Agreement The committee did not feel this policy was necessary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action is required.
<p>Policy 4136 – Meetings The committee did not feel this policy was necessary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action is required.
<p>Policy 4137 – Soliciting and Selling S. D’Eramo recommends not moving forward with this policy. D. Zukowski asked the committee if they were okay with her reviewing it more and bringing it back to the next policy meeting. The committee agreed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will invite S. D’Eramo to the next policy meeting.
<p>Policy 4138 – Non-School Employment The committee did not feel this policy was necessary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action is required.
<p>Policy 4138.1 – Consulting The committee did not feel this policy was necessary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action is required.

UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Melillo spoke about the unfortunate water leak at the high school earlier in the week. As of today, Wednesday, the students were back in the school with about seven classrooms still needing to be closed. They will be providing alternative rooms for those classes until they can be reopened. Dan Rosenthal offered his support and Mr. Melillo thanked him for that. Overall, Mr. Melillo was happy with the response to this issue and everyone who helped with the cleanup.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Dan Cruson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deborra Zukowski seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15a.m.