

BOE Policy Committee Minutes
Wednesday, May 3, 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, Janet Kuzma, Deborra Zukowski, Chris Melillo, Anne Dalton, Karen Powell, Sarah Connell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None

APPROVE MINUTES Dan Cruson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2023. Janet Kuzma seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 5141.21 Administering Medicine – A.Dalton and K. Powell presented their edits to the committee. The committee had few suggestions. For example, on page (e), the definition or “qualified personnel for schools’ and ‘qualified school employee may be redundant. The committee suggested asking legal for their advice on these two definitions. The committee discussed the need for the section outlines “before and after school programs”. Edadvance is not a Newtown run program; therefore they have their own policies on administering medicine. S. Connell will ask legal counsel if we are able to remove this language from the policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will invite A. Dalton and K. Powell to the next policy meeting. • S. Connell will reach out to legal counsel for their recommendations
<p>Policy 4147 – Employee Safety , Policy 4148 – Employee Protection and Policy 4148.1 – Safety, First Aid, and Emergency Care D. Cruson made a motion to move discussion to the next policy meeting. D. Zukowski seconded. Motion approved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will invite S. D’Eramo, A. Dalton and K. Powell to the next policy meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 5141 – Student Health Services There is still language that refers to “religious exemption” for immunizations. The state of CT does not exempt students on religious grounds therefore</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.Dalton and K.Powell will make necessary edits then send to S.Connell • S.Connell will send the edited policy to K.June for BOE review and possible

we need to remove this language. The committee agreed and asked A.Dalton and K.Powell to review this policy and S. Connell will send to K.June for BOE approval.	approval.
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UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Melillo expressed his appreciation towards everyone's input at the BOE meeting the night before. He believed it to be a civil meeting and was pleased to see that everyone was listening to each other.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Dan Cruson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deborra Zukowski seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:19a.m.