

BOE Policy Committee Minutes
Monday, July 1, 2024 , 9:30 am - 11:00 am
Municipal Building, BOE Conference Room
3 Primrose St. Newtown, CT 06470

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am

IN ATTENDANCE Doria Linnetz, Don Ramsey, Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Anne Uberti, Mark Pompano

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVE MINUTES Don Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2024. Doria Linnetz seconded.

Ms. Linnetz stated there is an error in the previous minutes and it should say *“Ms. Linnetz thinks that it is a good idea and thinks that the Newtown Registrar of Voters can be a great help in ensuring us on the rules and regulations.”*.

Ms. Linnetz also wants to clarify what Ms. Uberti stated about inviting legal counsel to an upcoming A-Team meeting. Ms. Uberti said that she will invite Shipman and Goodwin to an A-Team meeting in the beginning of the year to review the new legislation and also provide information about budget referendum laws.

Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy 6114 - Emergency and Disaster Preparedness

Ms. Linnetz said that there were comments made at the Board meeting regarding this policy. One of the members asked if the District was doing more than what the state requires.

Mr. Pompano stated that the state does not have a requirement for the number of meetings annually. The State only has requirements about who is in this committee. He continued by saying that a previous Superintendent made the decision to require one meeting annually.

Ms. Uberti spoke with the Principals and they agreed that the committee should meet twice annually. Once after drill week and once at the end of the year.

The committee agreed to add the word “twice” in the following sentence, *“ Each school shall establish a school security and safety committee (“SSSC”), to meet at least twice annually, that will assist in the development and implementation of the schools security and safety plan.*

Ms. Connell will send this policy back to Ms. June for the BOE second read.

Policy 6114.7 - Safety and Security

Ms. Linnetz did not receive any feedback regarding this policy to be rescinded. Ms. Connell will send this policy back to Ms. June for the BOE second read.

Policy 6115 - Ceremonies and Observations

The Board suggested including the alternative language in the policy. The committee did not see a problem with including it. Ms. Connell will remove the strike out and send back to Ms. June for BOE second read.

Policy 6121 - Non Discrimination in the Instructional Program

The Board asked Ms. Linnetz if it was possible to see the policy that the committee did not choose. Ms. Linnetz asked Ms. Connell to send her both CAFE sample policies for the Board to review before their next BOE meeting.

Policy 5112 - Ages of Attendance

Ms. Connell provided the committee with the CAFE sample Policy 5112 - Ages of Attendance along with NEwtown's current policies (Policy 5111, Policy 5112 and Policy 5118).

Ms. Linnetz stated that she believes CAFE sample policies are very comprehensive and thought the topics of Ages of Attendance and Admissions were combined into one policy. She asked the committee for more time to review the policy thoroughly to confirm that it is aligned with Newtown's practice.

Mr. Ramsey asked Mr. Pompano if Newtown has an issue with nonresident students being enrolled in Newtown's schools.

Mr. Pompano answered that there are usually less than a handful of residency issues that come to him each year.

Ms. Connell will bring Newtown's current residency forms to the next policy meeting.

The committee asked Ms. Connell to reach out to CAFE to ask why they did not include language about the waiver for five year olds in this policy.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfoote spoke about the possibility of obtaining Shipman and Goodwin for their policy services. In her experience, it is wise that the legal counsel that is defending your policies, also agree and work with the District on creating their policies. She offered to speak with Shipman about a quote to come and do a series audit.

The committee stated that they appreciated her offer and would like to review the quote before making a decision.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

Mr. Ramsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Linnetz seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am.

****THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES****

