

MINUTES

Special Meeting
Board of Education
Policy Committee Meeting
October 1 , 2024

Municipal Building
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06470
BOE Conference Room
5:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Anne Uberti, Superintendent
Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Transition Administrator
Doria Linnetz, Policy Chair
Alison Plante, Board Member
Sarah Connell

1. Call to Order

- a. D. Linnetz called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Public Participation

- a. None

3. Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2024

- a. A. Plante made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2024. D. Linnetz seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Discussion and Possible Action

J. Paddyfote explained that Shipman and Goodwin sent their updates to some of the policies on this agenda yesterday. She updated the policies with the appropriate edits and the changes are noted in each policy.

A. Policies Recommended for First Read

1. 1050 Non-Discrimination (Community Members)
 - a. D.Linetz asked J.Paddyfote if she found that the policy and regulation were redundant. J.Paddyfote answered that Shipman and Goodwin prefer to have information in both so it is certain that people understand the policy.
2. 4118.112 Policy and Administrative Regulations Regarding Prohibition of
4218.112 Sex Discrimination, Including Sex-Based Harassment
3. 4118.14 Policy Regarding Employees and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
4218.14 of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
 - a. A.Plante noticed that the telephone number needs to be included in the policy. J.Paddyfote will make the necessary changes.
4. 4135 Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Children or Reports of
4235 Sexual Assault of Students by School Employees
 - a. J. Paddyfote advised the committee that the District has an outdated policy and is out of compliance. This policy needs to be updated and added on the website. A.Uberti stated that the District's practice is in compliance and the policy needs to reflect what the District is currently doing.

5. 5119 Policy Regarding Student Transportation
6. 5125 Policy Regarding Confidentiality and Access of Education Records
 - a. J.Paddyfote noted that Director of Pupil Services, Deborah Mailloux-Petersen reviewed this policy and confirmed that Newtown follows practice.
 - b. D. Linnetz asked if the records were on paper or electronically. A.Uberti said they are on paper and kept until they are able to destroy them.
7. 5128 Child Sexual Abuse and Assault Response Policy and Reporting Procedure
 - a. J.Paddyfote stated that it is required that Districts have a CAGE policy for Safe School Climate. That policy will be available in 2025.
 - b. The committee asked A.Uberti how we can make sure the administrators are updated. A.Uberti said she will be keeping a list and provide updates at A-Team meetings.
8. 5144.1 Policy Concerning Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students and Use of Exclusionary Time Out
9. 5120 Meal Charging Policy
10. 5134 Policy Concerning Sunscreen Application in School

B. Items of Information

- a. The committee did not have any concerns with the regulations listed below.
 1. 4118.112 *Administrative Regulations Regarding Prohibition of Sex Discrimination, Including Sex-Based Harassment*
 2. 4118.14 *Administrative Regulations Regarding Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*
 3. 5117 R *Administrative Regulations Regarding School Attendance Areas*
 4. 5119 R *Administrative Regulations Regarding Student Transportation*
 5. 5129 R *Administrative Regulations Regarding Field Trips*
 6. 5144.1 R *Administrative Regulations Concerning Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students and Use of Exclusionary Time Out*
 7. 5125 R *Administrative Regulations Regarding Confidentiality and Access to Education Records*
 8. 5131.91 R *Administrative Regulations Regarding Hazing*
 9. 5134 R *Administrative Regulations Concerning Sunscreen Application in School*

C. Policies to Rescind upon Adoption of Policies in Item A Above or Due to Statutory Changes or Review of Administrative Regulations

1. 0521 Mission-Goals-Objectives, Nondiscrimination
2. 1314 Fundraising and Solicitation
- 1324
3. 3171.1 Non-Lapsing Education Fund
 - a. A.Plante asked if Shipman recommends rescinding this policy. J.Paddyfote answered that this policy is not needed and Shipman includes information about Non-Lapsing Education Fund in their budgeting policy.
4. 3281 School Fund Raisers
5. 3281.2 School Fund Raisers, Online Fundraising Campaigns-Crowdfunding
6. 3541 Transportation
7. 3541.21 Transportation-Responsibilities and Duties of Board of Education

- 8. 3541.5 Transportation Complaints–Records and Reports
- 9. 3541.51 Transportation–Procedure for Transportation Hearings
- 10. 3542.43 Food Service, Charging Policy
- 11. 4118.112 Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment
- 4218.112
- 12. 4118.14 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disabilities
- 4218.14
- 13. 5117 School Attendance Areas
- 14. 5121.3 Academic Dishonesty: Cheating/Plagiarism
- 15. 5131.91 Hazing
- 16. 5144.1 Use of Force, Physical Restraint/Seclusion/Exclusionary Time Out
- 17. 5141.4 Reporting Child Abuse, Neglect and Sexual Assault

D. Summary of Policies to Rescind at the time of Approval of Policies for Second Read and Reviewed at the September 17, 2024, Policy Committee Meeting

- 1. 5111 Admission/Placement
- 2. 5112 Ages of Attendance
- 3. 5113 Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal
- 4. 5113.2 Truancy
- 5. 5118.1 Homeless Students
- 6. 5131.6 Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco (Including Performance Enhancing Substances)
- 7. 5141 Student Health Services
- 8. 5141.3 Health Assessments and Immunizations
- 9. 5141.25 Life-Threatening Allergies and Glycogen Storage Disease Management
- 10. 5145.4 Americans with Disabilities Act/Section 504
- 11. 5145.42 Racial Harassment of Students
- 12. 5145.5 Sexual Discrimination and Sexual Harassment
- 13. 5145.511 Exploitation; Sexual Harassment
- 14. 5145.53 Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth
 - i. J.Paddyfote advised the committee that this topic is included in the non-discrimination policy and does not need to be a stand alone policy.
- 15. 6121 Nondiscrimination in the Instructional Program
- 16. Thirty Policies Listed on the Website under “Policies Under Revision, Policies of Instruction” and Beginning with the Numerical Prefix 8

E. Non-Mandated Policies to Rescind after Board Adoption of Policies and Review of Items of Information Presented at this Meeting

- a. The committee had no issues with recommending rescinding the policies in this list.
 - 1. 5117 *School Attendance Areas*
 - 2. 5121.3 *Academic Dishonesty: Cheating/Plagiarism*
 - 3. 5122 *Assigning Students to a Teacher in Grades K-12*
 - 4. 5122.3 *Assignment of Former Home-Schooled Students to Classes*
 - 5. 5131.91 *Hazing Purpose and Philosophy*

6. 5141.24 *Students/Staff with HIV, ARC (Aids Related Complex) or AIDS*
7. 5141.251 *Accommodating Students with Special Dietary Needs*

5. Public Participation None

6. Adjourn

A.Plante made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Linnetz seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.