

**\*Special Meeting\***  
**Board of Education**  
**Policy Committee Meeting**  
**October 8, 2024**

**Municipal Building**  
**3 Primrose Street**  
**Newtown, CT 06470**  
**BOE Conference Room**  
**6:30 p.m.**

## **MINUTES**

### **Attendance:**

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

### **1. Call to Order**

- a. D. Linnetz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

### **2. Public Participation**

- a. Deborra Zukowski, Newtown, CT, reminded the committee of Roberts Rules and the committee must postpone a motion for a future meeting and not just table it.

### **3. Approval of Minutes of October 1, 2024**

- a. A. Plante made a motion to postpone the approval of the minutes of October 1, 2024 for a future meeting. D. Linnetz seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

### **4. Discussion and Possible Action**

- A. Policies Updated as of the September 30, 2024, Model Policy Update by Shipman & Goodwin and for Second Read at the October 15, 2024, Board of Education Meeting
  - a. J. Paddyfote presented all of the edits/updates that Shipman provided on September 30, 2024.
    1. 5110 Non-Discrimination
      - a. The committee did not have any feedback.
    2. 5111 Admission to the Public Schools at or Before Age Five
      - a. A.Plante asked if the language in this policy gave the District more flexibility in the assessment. A.Uberti answered that there is now more flexibility.
    3. 5113 Student Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism
      - a. J. Paddyfote stated that the edits in this policy were technical updates.
      - b. The committee did not have any feedback.
    4. 5118.1 Homeless Children and Youth
      - a. J. Paddyfote stated that the edits in this policy were technical updates.
      - b. The committee did not have any feedback.
    5. 5145.4 Policy Regarding Students and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation

Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

- a. D. Linnetz asked if the edits come directly from Shipman. J.Paddyfote stated that they send their updates that are color coded. The first edit is usually in red and the second update is in blue.

*A.Plante moved to forward the model policies by Shipman and Goodwin, updated as of September 30, 2024, for a second read and possible approval at the October 15th, 2024 Board of Education meeting. D. Linnetz seconded. Motion passes unanimously.*

B. Discussion of Policy 0521, Nondiscrimination, and Policy 5110, Non-Discrimination

- a. J.Paddyfote outlined the inconsistencies in Policy 0521. For example, it does not include a classified class in the definition. She also noted that there is no grievance procedure noted in this policy.
- b. D. Linnetz agrees with J.Paddyfote that adopting the Shipman and Goodwin policy is the best option. She appreciates that they keep it consistent across the policies for community, students and staff.
- c. A.Uberti also agrees. Their policies are more logical and outlines appropriately.

C. Items of Information

- a. The committee does not have any feedback about the items of information listed below.

1. 5110 R *Administrative Regulations Regarding Non-Discrimination*
2. 5111 R *Administrative Regulations Regarding Admission to the Public Schools at or Before Age Five*
3. 5113 R *Administrative Regulations Regarding Student Attendance, Truancy, and Chronic Absenteeism*
4. 5118.1 R *Administrative Regulations Regarding Homeless Children and Youth*
5. 5145.4 R *Administrative Regulations Regarding Students and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*

**5. Discussion and Possible Action on Policies That Went For First Read at 10/1/24 BOE Meeting**

- a. The committee has not received any feedback about the policies listed below.

1. 5126 *Student Privacy*
2. 5131.6 *Drug and Alcohol Use by Students*
3. 5133 *Education Stability Procedures for Transportation Coordination with the Department of Children and Families*
4. 5135 *Recess and Play-Based Learning*
5. 5141.25 *Management Plan and Guidelines for Students with Food Allergies, Glycogen Storage Disease and/or Diabetes*
6. 5143 *Chemical Health Policy for Student Athletes*
7. 5145.5 *Prohibition of Sex Discrimination, Including Sex-Based*

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| 8. 6117 | <i>Harassment</i>            |
| 9. 6145 | <i>Curricular Exemptions</i> |
|         | <i>Homework</i>              |

## **6. Public Participation**

Deborra Zukowski, Cornfield Ridge Road, Newtown, stated that she was concerned about rescinding Policy 0521. This policy combines staff, community and students. She asked the committee to confirm that everyone will be covered if the Board approves to rescind Policy 0521.

1 Public, stated that she came to the meeting to observe for a class assignment and asked the committee to introduce themselves. The committee stated that they can introduce themselves after the meeting.

## **7. Adjourn**

A.Plante made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Linnetz seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

\*These are draft minutes\*\*