

BOE Policy Committee Minutes
March 6, 2019, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Municipal Building, Shared Meeting Room One
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

IN ATTENDANCE

Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Dan Cruson, Lorrie Rodrigue, Mark Pompano (9:15 AM – 10:00 AM)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVE MINUTES R. Harriman-Stites made a motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2019. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>P5141.7 – Student Sports – Concussion and Head Injuries M. Memoli sent his recommendations for the policy and regulation. S. Connell presented his recommendations and the committee unanimously approved. M. Memoli noted that he did want to add a section stating that the student will also need to be up to date with their school work before returning to any sport. The committee agreed. M. Memoli also mentioned that he will be adding the appendices to the Nighthawks sports webpage for easy access for the students and parents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to move this policy to the 5000 queue.
<p>P5142.1 – Relations with Non-Custodial Parent No further action is required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action is required.
<p>P5143.1 – Student Insurance S. Connell received input from R. Bienkowski and the committee agreed not to move forward with this policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action is required.
<p>P5145 – Civil & Legal Rights & Responsibilities S. Connell reached out to CABA for their input regarding a similar policy – Policy 3511. CABA advised that Policy 3511 is sufficient and we would not need to move forward with Policy 5145.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action is required.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 5145.1 - Invasion of Privacy M. Pompano suggests that A. Dalton and C. Amodeo review this policy as it speaks on invasion of privacy for a student. The committee agreed. S. Connell will reach out to both and ask for their recommendations for the next meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S. Connell to reach out to C. Amodeo and A. Dalton for recommendations regarding this policy.
<p>Policy 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension/Policy in Courts M. Pompano will make edits and bring back to the committee to review. He will also review the sample regulations and choose the most appropriate for NPS.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S. Connell to invite M. Pompano to an upcoming meeting
<p>Policy 5145.111 - Probation/Police/Courts This CABA sample policy is appropriate as written and the committee unanimously agreed to move it forward to the 5000 series queue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S. Connell to move this policy to the 5000 queue.
<p>Policy 5145.12 - Search and Seizure The committee agreed that they liked the current language in the NPS policies and would like to incorporate it into the CABA version. The edits are as followed: On page (a), Desk and School Lockers will read: <u>“Desks and school lockers are property of the schools. The right to inspect desks and lockers assigned to students may be exercised by school officials to safeguard students, their property, and school property with reasonable care for the Fourth Amendment rights of students. The administration will annually ensure that students are advised of this policy. The exercise of the right to inspect also requires protection of each student’s personal privacy and protection from coercion. An authorized school administrator may search a student’s locker or desk under the following conditions:</u> <u>1. There is reason to believe that the student’s desk or locker contains weapons, contraband material, or the fruits of a crime.</u> <u>2. There are reasonable grounds for suspecting the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the rules of the school.</u> <u>3. The measures used to conduct the search are reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the alleged legal or rules infraction.”</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S. Connell to make approved edits• S. Connell to invite M. Pompano to an upcoming meeting

<p>Student searches will read: <u>“Students or their property, including automobiles parked on school property, may be searched if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting the search will turn up evidence that students have violated or are violating either the law or the rules of the school. The scope of the search must be reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the students and the nature of the infraction.</u></p> <p>Strip searches shall not be conducted by school authorities. All searches by the Principal or his/her designee shall be carried out in the presence of another adult witness.</p> <p><u>A strip search is defined as a search that requires a student to remove any or all of his or her clothing, other than an outer coat or jacket”</u></p> <p>After reviewing a separate policy on Vehicle Searches on School Grounds – everyone agreed that instead of having a standalone policy; we should add a section into Search and Seizure. S. Connell to add in the following language: <u>Vehicle Searches on School Grounds</u> <u>The privilege of bringing a student-operated motor vehicle onto school premises is hereby conditioned on consent by the student driver to allow the search of that motor vehicle when there is reasonable cause for a search of that motor vehicle. The act of bringing a motor vehicle upon school premises will allow school officials to presume consent by the student, parent or guardian, or owner of the vehicle for a search of that motor vehicle. Refusal by a student, parent or guardian, or owner of the vehicle to allow access to a motor vehicle on school premises at the time of a request to search the motor vehicle will be cause for termination, without further hearing, of the privilege of bringing a motor vehicle onto school premises. The Principal, or a building administrator, may request a law enforcement officer to search a motor vehicle on school premises, subject to provisions of this policy.</u></p>	
<p>Policy 5145.121- Vehicle Searches on School Grounds The language from this policy will be incorporated into Policy 5145.12 – Search and Seizure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action is required.
<p>Policy 5145.123- Use of Metal Detectors No further action is required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action is required.
<p>Policy 5145.124- Breathalyzer Testing The committee liked Brookfield’s version of this policy. M. Pompano will review and bring his recommendations to an upcoming policy meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to invite M. Pompano to an upcoming policy meeting

<p>Policy 5145.125 - Drug Testing-Extracurricular Activites S. Connell to reach out to M. Memoli for his input regarding this policy. This is an optional policy and M. Pompano believes that this was discussed in another policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to invite M. Memoli to an upcoming policy meeting.
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UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

A motion was made by R. Harriman-Stites to move Policy 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension/Policy in Courts and P5141.7 – Student Sports – Concussion and Head Injuries into the 5000 Series queue waiting for review by the Board of Education. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by R. Harriman-Stites to postpone discussion/action on Policy 5145.1 - Invasion of Privacy, Policy 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension/Policy in Courts, Policy 5145.12 - Search and Seizure, Policy 5145.124- Breathalyzer Testing and Policy 5145.125 - Drug Testing-Extracurricular Activites s D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION POSTPONED TO A FUTURE MEETING

<p>Policy 5145.1 - Invasion of Privacy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
<p>Policy 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension/Policy in Courts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
<p>Policy 5145.12 - Search and Seizure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
<p>Policy 5145.124- Breathalyzer Testing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
<p>Policy 5145.125 - Drug Testing-Extracurricular Activites</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted: Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Policy Committee Chair