

BOE Policy Committee Minutes
Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Municipal Building, BOE Conference Room
3 Primrose St, Newtown, CT 06470

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am

IN ATTENDANCE Dan Cruson, Deborra Zukowski, Janet Kuzma, Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, Sarah Connell, 1 public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None

APPROVE MINUTES Dan Cruson made a motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2022. Janet Kuzma seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 4118.237/4218.237/5141.8 – Face Masks Coverings</p> <p>A.Dalton joined the committee to discuss this policy and offered some edits on the last page of the Appendix. A.Dalton said the previous list was outdated so she updated it with an additional row that states, <i>“Any Child determined by the local health department to be contributing to the transmission of disease during an outbreak”</i>. This list is now in alignment with the Academy of Pediatrics.</p> <p>D. Zukowski asked if “Flu” could be categorized under “elevated temperature”.</p> <p>A.Dalton said that she removed “elevated temperature” because she would like to keep this list of conditions and not symptoms.</p> <p>J. Kuzma commented that she does not support the proposed language <i>“In the event of a public health emergency, the Board reserves the right to follow federal, state and local guidelines in an effort to maintain a safe environment for all students.”</i> After reviewing the policy, she feels it is redundant. She also asked for a clear definition of “public health emergency”.</p> <p>L. Rodrigue reminded the committee that it states that “Board reserves the right to follow guidelines...” It does not necessary mean “masking”.</p> <p>D. Cruson commented that a public health emergency would only be determined at a state</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will invite A. Dalton and Suzanne D’Eramo to the next policy meeting • S. Connell will reach out to D. Culbert to review this policy

<p>level or higher.</p> <p>J. Kuzma suggested adding a transitional paragraph before the proposed language. The committee agreed.</p> <p>L. Rodrigue recommended bringing this policy to D. Culbert to review.</p> <p>S. Connell will set up a meeting with L. Rodrigue, D. Culbert, A.Dalton and S.D'Eramo to discuss this policy.</p>	
<p>Policy 4-609 – Communicable Diseases / Policy 5141.22 – Communicable Diseases (students)</p> <p>S. D'Eramo, A. Dalton, D. Culbert and L. Rodrigue will combine this policy with Policy 5141.22 – Communicable Diseases(students)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will invite A. Dalton and Suzanne D'Eramo to the next policy meeting • S. Connell will reach out to D. Culbert to review this policy
<p>Policy 6172.6 – Distance Education – Virtual/Online Courses</p> <p>The committee agreed to postpone discussion on this policy to an upcoming meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will invite K. Longobucco to this meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 4118.231 – Smoking, Drinking & Use of Drugs on School Premises</p> <p>S. D'Eramo was not able to attend this meeting but sent her recommendations to S. Connell before this meeting. Her notes for this meeting were as follows:</p> <p><i>"I've reviewed and attached South Windsor's policy which was recently revised last month (they are a "Shipman model policy district" so we can assume these are Shipman's revisions to address adult-use of cannabis). I would like the committee to consider replacing our existing policy with South Windsor's version.</i></p> <p><i>We also have an existing policy 4218.231 (for non-certified) that is listed separately in the 4000 series. I suggest that we combine it with the potentially revised 4118.231 (certified) as we have been doing for consistency sake."</i></p> <p>D. Zukowski suggested combining this policy with Policy 5131.6 – Alcohol Use, Drugs and Tobacco.</p> <p>L. Rodrigue said she spoke with M. Pompano and these policies need to be separate. The language should be consistent; however, employees vs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will bring Policy 5131.6 to confirm these policies are consistent with each other. • L. Rodrigue will reach out to Shipman and Goodwin regarding South Windsor's policy.

<p>students should be treated differently. D. Cruson agreed with L. Rodrigue because there are legal differences between if you catch someone underage vs. some of age. D. Zukowski recommended adding a regulation to this policy. The committee agreed.</p>	
<p>Policy 4118.232 – Drug-Free Workplace S. D’Eramo did not feel this policy was necessary because it is clearly stated in Policy 4118.231 so this policy would be redundant. Her recommendation to the committee is to also rescind 4-702. D. Zukowski suggested adding language from this policy to create a regulation for Policy 4118.231 – Smoking, Drinking & Use of Drugs on School Premises.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will invite S. D’Eramo to the next policy meeting
<p>Policy 4118.233 – Weapons and Dangerous Instruments S.D’Eramo said that this is certainly covered under CT State Sttutebut she would be in support of having a policy. The committee agreed to move forward with a policy but would like to ask Shipman for sample policies to review. S. Connell will reach out to Shipman. The committee would also like to review the Student policy to confirm that the language is consistent.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will invite S. D’Eramo to the next policy meeting • S. Connell will bring Policy 5131.7 – Weapons and Dangerous Instruments for the Board to review.
<p>Policy 4118.234 – Prohibition on Recommendations for Psychotropic Drugs The committee agreed to ask Shipman and Goodwin for their advice on this policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will invite S. D’Eramo to the next policy meeting • L. Rodrigue will reach out to Shipman and Goodwin for recommendations

UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

L. Rodrigue brought forward three required policies that need to be approved by the BOE by July 1. The three policies are: Student Enrollment in an Advanced Course or Program, Challenging Curriculum Policy, and Gifted and Talented Students. The committee agreed to bring only these policies to the next Policy meeting so we can meet the July 1 deadline.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Dan Cruson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Kuzma seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.