

BOE Policy Committee Minutes
Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
Municipal Building, BOE Conference Meeting Room
3 Primrose St, Newtown, CT 06470

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE Rebekah Harriman, Dan Cruson, Lorrie Rodrigue, Suzanne D’Eramo, Sarah Connell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVE MINUTES Rebekah Harriman made a motion to approve the minutes of October 27, 2021. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 4118.239/4218.239 – Required Covid-19 Vaccinations The committee approved the edits that S. Connell made. S.D’Eramo also had a few edits that she will send to S. Connell before it goes to the BOE for approval.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will send this policy to K. June for approval at an upcoming BOE meeting.
<p>Policy 3160 – Budget Procedures and Line Item Transfers There were no additional edits to this policy and will return to the BOE for second read and possible approval.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to send back to K. June for BOE approval.
<p>Policy 4118.21 – Academic Freedom The committee agreed with W. Johnson’s additional edits to this policy. R. Harriman made a motion to send this policy to the 4000 series queue for BOE approval.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will send this policy to the 4000 series queue.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 4118.211 – Retaliation and Whistle - Blowing The committee agreed to move forward with this policy, however, the policy needs to be updated with current legislative. S. Connell will send this policy to Gwen at Shipman and Goodwin for her input.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to ask for input from Shipman and Goodwin.
<p>Policy 4118.121 – Display of Religious Symbols and Decorations The committee agreed to not move forward with</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action is required.

this policy.	
Policy 4118.22 – Code of Ethics The committee agreed to not move forward with this policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action is required.
Policy 4118.23 – Conduct of Dress The committee and S. D’Eramo agree that Newtown does not need this policy. It is the committee’s recommendation to rescind this policy. S. Connell will ask for Shipman’s input in writing to bring to the BOE meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will send this policy to K. June to rescind.

UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

No update.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None

A motion was made by R. Harriman to move Policy 4118.239/4218.239 – Required Covid-19 Vaccinations forward to the Board of Education for review at the Board of Education meeting on December 7th. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by R. Harriman to move Policy 4118.21 – Academic Freedom forward to the 4000 series queue. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by R. Harriman to postpone discussion/action on Policy 4118.211 – Retaliation and Whistle –Blowing.. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Rebekah Harriman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.