

BOE Policy Committee Minutes
Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 9:00 – 10:30 am
Municipal Building, BOE Conference Room
3 Primrose St, Newtown, CT 06470

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

IN ATTENDANCE Dan Cruson, Deborra Zukowski, Todd Higgins, Chris Melillo, Anne Dalton, Karen Powell, Suzanne D’Eramo, Sarah Connell, 1 public

Deborra Zukowski asked the committee to include Bylaw 9221 to this agenda to be rescinded. Dan Cruson said it can be added to the next policy meeting. The committee also discussed the timeline of editing Policy 8-302. The committee will receive input from Assistant Superintendent, Anne Uberti, before bringing it to a policy meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Don Ramsey, spoke a public citizen, not as a BOE member. He encouraged the Policy Committee to make editing Policy 8-302 a priority. The process outlined in Newtown’s current policy made it very difficult for anyone to have input during the Special Committee meeting. He says it is very important to get this policy right.

APPROVE MINUTES Dan Cruson made a motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2023. Deborra Zukowski seconded. Todd Higgins abstained. Motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 5141.21 Administering Medicine – A.Dalton and K. Powell went through the newest edits with the committee. The committee found a paragraph on page 16 that needs to be removed. The committee found that by removing that paragraph, the policy only outlines administering medicine for students and not individuals. A.Dalton and K. Powell said that the Good Samaritan law would go into effect if the nurses had to administer medicine on someone other than a student. T. Higgins asked if there was another policy that outlined emergency care for individuals. The committee said that Policy 4148.1 (on this agenda) may be the best policy to outline that. Newtown’s Medical Advisor, Dr. Machado, will review this policy. Once she approves, the policy will go to the Board to review and approve.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.Dalton and K.Powell will send this policy to Dr. Machado for review and approval. • When S. Connell receives this policy back from Dr. Machado, she will send it to K. June for BOE review.

<p>Policy 4147 – Employee Safety , Policy 4148 – Employee Protection and Policy 4148.1 – Safety, First Aid, and Emergency Care</p> <p>The committee discussed adding language regarding the Good Samaritan law. The committee asked S. D’Eramo to ask Shipman and Goodwin’s input regarding this. K. Powell agreed that she would review this policy again to make it more inclusive of all individuals and not just students.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will invite S. D’Eramo, A. Dalton and K. Powell to the next policy meeting.
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NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 4118.239 – Required COVID-19 Vaccinations</p> <p>The committee agreed to rescind this policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will send this to K. June for BOE review.
<p>Policy 4152.6 - Family and Medical Leave Act</p> <p>S. D’Eramo created a draft policy for the committee. D. Zukowski asked if it was possible to make this policy a regulation instead of a policy. She recommends having a short policy that outlines that District’s stance on FMLA. This will make it easy for the BOE if it needs to be edited. T. Higgins and D. Cruson are fine with the policy as is. S. D’Eramo will reach out to Shipman and Goodwin for their input.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will invite S. D’Eramo to the next policy meeting.

UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

None

A motion was made by D. Cruson to move Policy 5141.21 – Adminstering Medicine to review by the Board of Education. D. Zukowski seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by D. Cruson to postpone discussion/action on Policy 4148.1 – Safety, First Aid, and Emergency Care and the Role of the School Nurse, and Policy 4152.6 – Family and Medical Leave Act. D. Zukowski seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Dan Cruson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Zukowski seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:35a.m.