

**BOE Policy Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 14, 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 9:01 am

**IN ATTENDANCE** Dan Cruson, Deborra Zukowski, Janet Kuzma, Chris Melillo, Suzanne D’Eramo, Sarah Connell, 1 public

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** None

**APPROVE MINUTES** Dan Cruson made a motion to approve the minutes of August 31, 2022. Deborra Zukowski seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion and possible action:**

Item	Reports
<p><b>Policy 6142.101 – School Wellness Policy</b>            A.Dalton edited this policy to include a regulation. D. Zukowski asked for the committee to approve striking out “Extra homework or bonus points”. The committee agreed that it was not appropriate to have extra credit because it is your birthday. S. Connell will make the edit and send to K. June for BOE first read.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send this policy to K. June for BOE first read.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5131.911 – Bullying Prevention and Intervention</b>            D. Zukowski and C. Melillo reviewed and edited this policy for consideration. The committee agreed with the direction that D. Zukowski and C. Melillo are going but asked for this policy to be sent to Shipman and Goodwin for review. S. Connell will send this policy to Shipman and Goodwin for their feedback and possible recommendations. The committee also asked S. Connell to ask Shipman and Goodwin for their harassment and discrimination definitions. The committee was not able to find an adequate definition for this policy. After this policy is ready for BOE approval, A. Uberti will update the Newtown Safe School Climate Plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will ask Shipman and Goodwin for their recommendations and bring back to the next policy meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 4118.231– Smoking, Drinking &amp; Use of Drugs on School Premises</b>            The committee originally reviewed this policy in April 2022. The committee asked S. Connell to bring Policy 5131.6 to confirm these policies are</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. D’Eramo will make the approved edits and bring back to the committee for review.</li> </ul>

<p>consistent with each other. S. D'Eramo</p>	
<p><b>Policy 4118.232 – Drug-Free Workplace</b>  The committee reviewed this policy in April 2022. S. D'Eramo's recommendation is that Newtown does not need this policy because it is already stated in Policy 4118.231. She also recommends rescinding 4-702.  D. Zukowski recommended using the language from this policy as a regulation for Policy 4118.231.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion and possible action on this policy.</li> <li>• S. Connell will invite S. D'Eramo to this policy meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 4118.233 – Weapons and Dangerous Instruments</b>  After discussion, the committee agreed that this policy is not needed. Newtown current policy, Policy 1700, outlines this language. S.'Eramo will look into editing Policy 1700 because it was adopted quite a few years ago.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell to bring back Policy 1700 to the next policy meeting.</li> <li>• S. Connell will invite S. D'Eramo to this policy meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 4118.234 – Prohibition on Recommendations for Psychotropic Drugs</b>  The committee asked that s. D'Eramo work with Shipman and Goodwin to edit this policy. The committee agreed that the definitions in the Shipman model would work as an Administrative Regulation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion and possible action on this policy.</li> <li>• S. Connell will invite S. D'Eramo to this policy meeting.</li> </ul>

**UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Melillo updated the committee on his schedule the past week. It was a busy week with lots of excitement from the students and staff. The buses are starting to run more smoothly. Mr. Melillo is excited about upcoming visits to the schools.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dan Cruson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Zukowski seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.