

BOE Policy Committee Minutes
March 20, 2019, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Municipal Building, Shared Meeting Room One
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470

IN ATTENDANCE

Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Dan Cruson, Lorrie Rodrigue

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVE MINUTES R. Harriman-Stites made a motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2019. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 5145.1 - Invasion of Privacy S. Connell to reach out to A. Dalton and C. Amodeo for their recommendations for this policy. <u>A. Dalton gave her recommendation to S. Connell and stated the following:</u> <u>“I cannot think of any situation where we would be performing an "invasive non-emergency physical examination" per the definition given. We do examine abdomens and backs and limbs regularly. We also annually check weights, urine specific gravity and body fat percentage for the NHS wrestling team (required by CIAC for eligibility). If this policy is not required, it does not seem necessary from my perspective.”</u> C. Amodeo will send her recommendations for this policy for the next policy meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to receive C. Amodeo’s recommendations before the upcoming meeting.
<p>Policy 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension/Policy in Courts M. Pompano made the following edits on page R5145.11(a), <u>“If the investigation has centered on any particular student under the age of 16 suspected of any alleged criminal activity, the police may not question the student absent the presence of his/her parent or guardian. Police questioning of a student age 16-17 suspected of engaging in criminal activity shall be done in accordance with current Police Department policies and procedures.”</u> This edited version by M. Pompano 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 approved S. Connell's edits outlines in the previous meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to move this policy to the 5000 queue.
<p>Policy 5145.124- Breathalyzer Testing The committee chose to work with Brookfield's version of this policy. M. Pompano will review the policy again and bring his recommendations to the committee. M. Pompano asked for more time to review this policy. He will send his edits and recommendations to S. Connell to present to the committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to invite M. Pompano to an upcoming meeting
<p>Policy 5145.125 - Drug Testing-Extracurricular Activities M. Memoli does not support having this policy apart of NPS. The committee unanimously agreed. No further action is required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action is required.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 5145.2 – Freedom of Speech /Expression (Activism and Dissent) The committee chose the sample policy that incorporates our current NPS policies. S. Connell to make the following edits: On page 5145.2(a), remove (Applicable to grades 9-12) under Students Rights and Responsibilities in Activism and Dissent. On the same page, remove (sit-ins, strikes, walks outs, etc.) referring to 2. Practice disruptive activities. This was discussed by the committee and they agreed that sit ins, strikes and walk outs can be peaceful and not disruptive. R. Harriman-Stites also liked the second sample policy and asked if we could add t our current language. The committee agreed and S. Connell will make the edits and bring back for final review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to make approved edits and bring back to the committee for a final review.
<p>Policy 5145.21 – Student Government This policy is appropriate as renumbered. The committee agreed that it should still be brought to the BOE for final approval.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to move this policy to the 5000 queue.
<p>Policy 5145.31 – Gaming This policy is appropriate as renumbered. The committee agreed that it should still be brought to the BOE for final approval.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to move this policy to the 5000 queue.
<p>Policy 5145.42 – Racial Harassment of Students D. Cruson and R. Harriman-Stites agreed that they needed more time to fully review this policy. Discussion will continue at the next policy committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to Review

<p>Policy 5145.43 – Human Dignity S. Connell will review other NPS policies that refer to this topic. S. Connell will also look at other districts and see what they have in place. After Discussion will continue at the next policy committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to Review
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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, Policy 5145.12 - Search and Seizure, Policy 5145.21 – Student Government , Policy 5145.31 – Gaming 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 5145.124- Breathalyzer Testing, Policy 5145.2 – Freedom of Speech /Expression (Activism and Dissent), Policy 5145.42 – Racial Harassment of Students and Policy 5145.43 – Human Dignity. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

Policy 5145.1 - Invasion of Privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
Policy 5145.124- Breathalyzer Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
Policy 5145.2 – Freedom of Speech /Expression (Activism and Dissent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
Policy 5145.42 – Racial Harassment of Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
Policy 5145.43 – Human Dignity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted: Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Policy Committee Chair