

BOE Policy Committee Agenda
May 15, 2019, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Municipal Building, Shared Meeting Room One
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470

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

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 May 15, 2019. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 5145.52 - Harassment This policy currently has Policy 5145.5 - Exploitation; Sexual Harassment and Policy 5145.42 – Racial Harassment of Students as sub headers. S. Connell will get S. Raquel’s recommendations for regulations on this policy and bring back to the committee for review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S. Connell to bring S. Raquel’s recommendations to the committee for review.
<p>Policy 5145.8 – Emancipation of Minors The committee agreed to move forward with this policy. S. Connell will make the following edits and present to the committee for final approval. The edits are as follows: The committee requested that S. Connell add the paragraph from the 2nd version to the 1st version of this policy. <u>“Students declared emancipated by appropriate judicial authorities or who have reached the age of majority are entitled to all rights of emancipation per Connecticut General Statute 46b150d and all rights of an adults as provided for under Connecticut law respectfully.</u> After the added paragraph, S. Connell will delete the first two sentences in the next paragraph. The 3rd sentence will read: <u>“The student shall be governed by all regulations formulated for the students and shall have equal opportunities”.</u> S. Connell will also change all language that states “the age of eighteen” to “age of majority”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S. Connell to bring her edits to the committee for review.

<p>Policy 5142.1 – Relations with Non-Custodial Parent The committee agreed to review this policy again due to recent circumstances. The agreed on Version B and will move forward with that policy. L. Rodrigue will reach out to Shipman & Goodwin for their input on this policy. L. Rodrigue will provide a blurb from Shipman & Goodwin and present to the committee for review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell and L. Rodrigue to present Shipman and Goodwin’s input to the committee.
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NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 5118.2 – Educational Opportunities for Military Children R. Harriman-Stites made a motion to send this policy to the 9000 series queue. Motion was approved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to move this policy to the 5000 series queue.
<p>Bylaw 9327.1– Board Member Use of Internet Social Networks R. Harriman-Stites requested for the electronic version to send to M. Ku. D. Cruson suggested that maybe this policy was more for a “handbook” and not a bylaw. The committee agreed but will ask M. Ku for her input.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Harriman-Stites to bring M. Ku’s input to the committee.
<p>Bylaw 9000 – Responsibilities and Duties of Board of Education Members R. Harriman-Stites liked Brookfield’s version of this bylaw and made a motion to bring their version to the Board for review. The committee agreed. S. Connell will make the necessary edits (changing “Brookfield” to Newtown”. R. Harriman-Stites made a motion to send this policy to the 5000 series queue. Motion was approved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will make the approved edits then will move this policy to the 9000 series queue.
<p>Bylaw 9005 – Statement of Integrity The committee does not feel it is important to have this bylaw because it is already outlined in Bylaw 9000. S. Connell will reach out to CAFE to find out if Newtown is able to remove this bylaw from the 9000 series.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will bring back CAFE’s answers to an upcoming meeting.
<p>Bylaw 9010 – Limits of Authority The committee agreed that Newtown’s current bylaw is sufficient and shall stay the same.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to edit the bylaw to note that it was reviewed on 5/15/19.
<p>Bylaw 9011 – Accountability The committee does not feel it is important to have this bylaw because it is already outlined in Bylaw 9000. S. Connell will reach out to CAFE to find out if Newtown is able to remove this bylaw from the 9000 series.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will bring back CAFE’s answers to an upcoming meeting.

<p>Bylaw 9012 – Legal Responsibilities of Board of Education The committee liked Newtown’s current bylaw but requested to add the follow bullet from CABE: <u>14. To maintain a safe school setting and shall, in accordance with the statutes, maintain records of allegations, investigation, and reports that a child has been abused or neglected by a school employee, as defined in C.G.S. 53a-65)</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to make the approved edits and bring back for final review.
<p>Bylaw 9020 – Public Statements D. Cruson had some thoughts about how this bylaw should be worded. He will take this policy home and make some edits and bring to an upcoming policy meeting. R. Harriman-Stites agreed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Cruson to bring his edited bylaw to an upcoming policy meeting.
<p>Bylaw 9020.1 – Advocacy The committee agreed that Newtown’s current bylaw is sufficient and shall stay the same.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to edit the bylaw to note that it was reviewed on 5/15/19.
<p>Bylaw 9020.2 – Public Announcement of District Accomplishments D. Cruson to merge this bylaw in with Bylaw 9020.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Cruson to bring his edited bylaw to an upcoming policy meeting.
<p>Bylaw 9020.3 - Recognition for Individual Accomplishment R. Harriman-Stites made a motion to send this policy to the 9000 series queue. Motion was approved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to move this policy to the 9000 series queue.
<p>Bylaw 9030 - Commitment to Democratic Principles in Relation to Community, Staff and Students The committee agreed that Newtown’s current bylaw is sufficient and shall stay the same.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell to edit the bylaw to note that it was reviewed on 5/15/19.
<p>Bylaw 9040 - Board-Related Responsibilities The committee does not feel it is important to have this bylaw because it is already outlined in Bylaw 9000. S. Connell will reach out to CABE to find out if Newtown is able to remove this bylaw from the 9000 series.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will bring back CABE’s answers to an upcoming meeting.

UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

L. Rodrigue composed a paragraph outlining the ways to deal with a loss/death for an adolescent. S. Connell will add to the policy and bring back to the committee for one final review before moving it to the 5000 series queue.

A motion was made by R. Harriman-Stites to move Policy 5118.2 – Educational Opportunities for Military Children 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 Bylaw 9327.1– Board Member Use of Internet Social Networks , Bylaw 9005 – Statement of Integrity, Bylaw 9011 – Accountability, Bylaw 9012 – Legal Responsibilities of Board of Education, Bylaw 9020 – Public Statements, Bylaw 9020.2 – Public Announcement of District Accomplishment, Bylaw 9040 - Board-Related Responsibilities. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Bylaw 9327.1– Board Member Use of Internet Social Networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
Bylaw 9005 – Statement of Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
Bylaw 9011 – Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
Bylaw 9012 – Legal Responsibilities of Board of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
Bylaw 9020 – Public Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
Bylaw 9020.2 – Public Announcement of District Accomplishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed
Bylaw 9040 - Board-Related Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reviewed by committee as discussed

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted: Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Policy Committee Chair