

**BOE Policy Committee Minutes  
Wednesday, May 12, 2021  
Virtual Meeting 9:15 A.M.**

*In consideration of public health, open meetings and the Governor’s Executive Order No. 7B dated March 10, 2020 regarding PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID- 19 PANDEMIC AND RESPONSE - FURTHER SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION OF STATUTES; this meeting will include an option for the public to phone in to listen to the audio of the meeting. Please note that public comment will be received by phone at the beginning and end of this meeting.*

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**APPROVE MINUTES** Rebekah Harriman-Stites made a motion to approve the minutes of March 24, 2021. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion and possible action:**

Item	Reports
<p><b>Policy 5145.31 – Gaming</b> The committee reviewed the BOE member’s questions and agreed to make the following edits: The first sentence will now read, “The Newtown Board of Education believes it is not appropriate for the schools to provide situations for students <u>to engage in gambling.</u>” The next sentence will read, “It shall be the policy of the Newtown Board of Education that no school-sponsored shall introduce, operate, or otherwise <u>encourage games of chance with monetary reward for student participation.</u>”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will make the approved edits and send to K. June for BOE second read.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.12- Search and Seizure</b> The committee requested that M. Pompano review this policy one last time to confirm that it aligns with other Security and Safety policies that were approved recently.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send this policy to M. Pompano to review for final approval.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.124 – Breathalyzer Testing</b> The committee requested that M. Pompano review this policy one last time to confirm that it aligns with other Security and Safety policies that were approved recently.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send this policy to M. Pompano to review for final approval.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Policy 4118.11 – Nondiscrimination</b> S. D’Eramo will re-review this policy to see how it compares to the student policy. She will make any additional edits and bring her recommendations back to the committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will invite S. D’Eramo to this virtual meeting</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 4118.112 – Sexual Harassment</b> S. D’Eramo will re-review this policy to see how it compares to the student policy. She will make any additional edits and bring her recommendations back to the committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will invite S. D’Eramo to this virtual meeting</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 4118.113 – Harassment</b> S. D’Eramo reached out to Shipman and Goodwin regarding this policy. They advised Newtown that we do not need a separate policy because harassment is covered in both Nondiscrimination and Sexual Harassment. S. D’Eramo recommends that we rescind Newtown’s current policy – 4-704. The committee agreed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send Newtown’s current policy 4-704 to K. June for the BOE to rescind.</li> </ul>

**UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

L. Rodrigue reported that the committee may have to re-review COVID-19 related policies as guidelines are changing.

A motion was made by R. Harriman-Stites to move Policy 5145.31 – Gaming forward for approval 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 5145.12- Search and Seizure, Policy 5145.124 – Breathalyzer Testing, Policy 4118.11 – Nondiscrimination, Policy 4118.112 – Sexual Harassment. D. Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted: Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Policy Committee Chair