

**BOE Policy Committee Minutes**  
**February 12, 2020, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**  
**Municipal Building, Conference Room 1**  
**3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470**

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Dan Cruson, Lorrie Rodrigue

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**APPROVE MINUTES** Rebekah Harriman-Stites made a motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2019. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

**UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action

Item	Reports
<p><b>Bylaw 9330 – Board School System Records</b>            The committee reviewed the final edits and agreed to bring it to the Board for approval.            R. Harriman-Stites asked S. Connell to change the Statue language on the first page to the correct section.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send edited bylaw to K. June for Board Review.</li> </ul>

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion and possible action:**

Item	Reports
<p><b>Policy 5151.5 – Suicide Prevention</b>            D. Mailloux-Petersen presented this edited policy and regulation to the Board. The following edits that she made are:            In the first paragraph, it will now read “<u><a href="#">The Newtown Public Board of Education recognized the need for comprehensive suicide prevention and intervention policy</a></u> because suicide is a leading cause of death among <u><a href="#">young people</a></u>.”            The policy also outlines that the Board policy indicated that the school staff will actively respond to any situations.            The committee appreciated that this policy and regulation outlines the steps on how to handle at risk students and the aftermath is a student in successful in their attempt. It is important that the staff all follow the same procedure.            The committee thanked D. Mailloux-Petersen for her hard work and asked for her to join at the Board meeting when this policy and regulation is on the agenda.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send edited policy and regulation to K. June for Board Review.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Policy 5144.1 – Use of Physical Forces / Physical Restrain/Seclusion/Exclusionary Time Out</b> No changes were made from the previous review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send edited policy and regulation to K. June for Board Review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.11 – Questioning and Apprehension/Police in Schools</b> No changes were made from the previous review. The committee asked to invite M. Pompano to the Board meeting when this policy will be reviewed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send edited policy and regulation to K. June for Board Review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.111 – Probation/Police/Courts</b> No changes were made from the previous review. The committee asked to invite M. Pompano to the Board meeting when this policy will be reviewed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send edited policy and regulation to K. June for Board Review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.12 – Search and Seizure</b> No changes were made from the previous review. The committee asked to invite M. Pompano to the Board meeting when this policy will be reviewed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send edited policy and regulation to K. June for Board Review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.124 – Breathalyzer Testing</b> No changes were made from the previous review. The committee asked to invite M. Pompano to the Board meeting when this policy will be reviewed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send edited policy and regulation to K. June for Board Review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.14 – On-Campus Recruitment</b> No changes were made from the previous review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send edited policy and regulation to K. June for Board Review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.2 – Freedom of Speech / Expression (Activism and Dissent)</b> No changes were made from the previous review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send edited policy and regulation to K. June for Board Review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.21 – Student Government</b> This policy did not change from NPS current policy. The committee asked S. Connell to renumber it and send to the Board for one final review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Connell will send edited policy and regulation to K. June for Board Review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 5145.31 – Gaming</b> No changes were made from the previous review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee will review the policies in the 5000 Series Queue before sending them to the Board.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 6171.3 - Special Education/Placement of Special Education Students (Out of District)</b> D. Mailloux-Petersen did not feel it was necessary to have this policy. The committee agreed. No further action is required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No further action is required.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 6151 – Class Size</b> L. Rodrigue asked the committee their thoughts on revisiting this policy and adding a regulation. The committee agreed that it would be better to bring to the A-Team to discuss. The policy does not need to go to the Board to add a regulation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No further action is required.</li> </ul>

#### UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

None

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

Rebekah Harriman-Stites made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.