

BOE Policy Committee Minutes
Wednesday, May 11, 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 9:04 am

IN ATTENDANCE Dan Cruson, Deborra Zukowski, Janet Kuzma, Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, Sarah Connell,

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None

APPROVE MINUTES Dan Cruson made a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2022. Janet Kuzma seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 4112.6/4212.6 – Personnel Records The committee did not receive any additional questions from the Board. S. Connell will send this back to K. June for the BOE second read.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will send policy to K. June for the BOE’s second read and possible action.
<p>Policy 4112.8 - Nepotism The committee did not receive any additional questions from the Board. S. Connell will send this back to K. June for the BOE second read.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will send policy to K. June for the BOE’s second read and possible action.
<p>Policy 4114/4214 – Assignment / Transfer / Reassignment The committee did not receive any additional questions from the Board. S. Connell will send this back to K. June for the BOE second read.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will send policy to K. June for the BOE’s second read and possible action.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

<p>Policy 6141.51 – Advanced Courses or Programs, Eligibility Criteria for Enrollment This new mandated policy was brought to the committee to review. This policy needs to be approved by the Board by July 1. D. Zukowski asked to include “Newtown” in the first sentence (The Newtown Board of Education....). The committee agreed. D. Zukowski asked for clarification regarding the third paragraph on the first page. It states that the “Board” will annually report on District progress. The committee asked L. Rodrigue to get clarification from Shipman and Goodwin on if the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will bring this policy back to the next meeting with Shipman’s comments and edits.
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Board and District are being used interchangeably. D. Cruson feels that in this particular policy, they are not because of the last section “Evaluation”

On page (b), S. Connell will edit #6 to read: *“Publish and disseminate materials that encourage all students to participate in advanced courses and programs and make these materials available in multiple languages.”*

On page (b), the committee agreed to change the language in the first paragraph. The paragraph will now read: *“In order to access advanced courses or programs students must be afforded the opportunity to complete sufficiently difficult coursework at the middle school level.”*

On page (c), the committee agreed to separate this paragraph into two sentences. The first sentence will read *“The Board will review annually data on student participation in advanced courses or programs.”*

Policy 6141.52 – Challenging Curriculum Policy

D. Zukowski raised the question regarding the language “District middle school” on the first page. It is not clear what grades they are referring to because Newtown’s middle school is only grades 7 & 8. L. Rodrigue said she would speak to Shipman and Goodwin.

On page (b) in the second paragraph, D. Zukowski asked the committee to change the word “will” to “shall”. The committee agreed.

D. Cruson suggested changing *“...within both genders”* to *“within any gender”*. The committee agreed.

The last edit on page (b) is in the bullet section. The second bullet will now read: *“Specific academic ability in one or more of the follow content areas: math, science, language arts, and social studies, and having consistently received grades of “b” or higher in the related core content areas.”*

On page (d), the final edit is in the last paragraph, last sentence. It will now read: *“Wherever possible, students shall be encouraged and offered opportunities to take college courses simultaneously for high school graduation and college degree credit (dual enrollment) upon approval of the Principal prior to such participation, and the willingness of the college to accept the student for admission the course or courses”.*

- L. Rodrigue will reach out to Shipman and Goodwin regarding this policy.
- S. Connell will make approved edits.

Policy 6172.1 - Gifted and Talented Students

L. Rodrigue did not have any comments regarding this policy and asked S. Connell to send to Sherry Earl to review. The committee agreed to bring this policy back to the next meeting with S. Earl's comments/edits.

- S. Connell will bring S. Earl's comments back to the committee at the next meeting.

UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

There is a new survey being conducted by Yale regarding Remote Learning. They will be look at different districts and their success with in person vs. remote learning.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Dan Cruson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Zukowski seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.