

**BOE Policy Committee Minutes
Wednesday, August 19, 2020
Virtual Meeting 8:30 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 8:30 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Dan Cruson, Lorrie Rodrigue, Sarah Connell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVE MINUTES Rebekah Harriman-Stites made a motion to approve the minutes of July 15, 2020. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

Item	Reports
<p>Policy 6114.8 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness (Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies) The committee reviewed the questions brought forward by the BOE. The edits are as follows: In the first paragraph, the third sentence will now state: <i>At all <u>times decisions will be made to reflect the health, safety and welfare of students, district employees and the Newtown community.</u></i> The other questions were discussed and the committee agreed that the rest of the policy was accurate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will send this policy to K. June for BOE second read.
<p>Policy 6172.61 – Distance Education The committee reviewed the questions brought forward by the BOE after their first read. The edits are as follows: On page 6172.61 – The first sentence under School Nutrition Benefits will now state: <i>“<u>During emergency events where the District has activated a distance learning plan, and where these days are counting as regular school days,</u> any student who receives free and reduced school lunch shall be afforded the opportunity to pick up a nutritional school lunch prepared by the food service provider/department.”</i> The committee made the following change the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will send this policy to K. June for BOE second read.

<p>same page: It previously said “PK-5”, however, the committee felt it was more appropriate to have it be “PK-4”.</p> <p>The committee made an addition to this policy on the last page after a board member made a recommendation.</p> <p><u><i>13. Compliance - Any distance learning days, and the state approval thereof, will comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations.</i></u></p>	
<p>Policy 0523 – Equity and Diversity</p> <p>The committee agreed with L. Rodrigue’s edits for this policy. L. Rodrigue will continue to ask for input for this policy for the next meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Connell will bring this policy back to the committee at the next policy meeting.

A motion was made by Rebekah Harriman-Stites to postpone discussion/action on Policy 0523 – Equity and Diversity. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Rebekah Harriman-Stites to send Policy 6114.8 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness (Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies), Policy 6172.61 – Distance Education for Board review. Dan Cruson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

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 9:25 a.m